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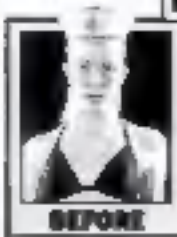

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3-YEAR-OLD ART PRIZE

– with pudding smudges she left on a tablecloth!

A 3-YEAR-OLD girl has won Europe's most prestigious art prize — for brown smudges she left on a tablecloth after eating chocolate pudding!

Ecstatic critics are hailing the abstract artwork created by tiny Sophie Binet as "pure genius" and "a priceless masterpiece of indescribable power."

"This abstract work is profoundly moving and engages both the intellect and the senses on many levels," enthuses museum curator Pierre DeClair, a member of the five-judge panel.

"It combines a joyous sense of caprice with an ironic social commentary that is extraordinarily sophisticated in one so young.

"I believe we are looking at the handiwork of the next Miro or Picasso."

The abstract image, made at the breakfast table by the tyke in less than 45 seconds, earned Sophie the coveted Gauguin Prize, named for the famed post-Impressionist painter. As well as a gold trophy, first prize comes with a cash award of 50,000 euros, or $61,192 in American money.

At least 800 artists from 11 European nations competed in the contest — and some are incensed that a child with no art training beat them.

"It would be bad enough if this 'masterpiece' had been created with finger paints or crayons."

"But this wasn't even done on purpose. To give such a prestigious award to a toddler who is still trying to learn what color must be added to yellow to make green is an insult to every true artist."

Sophie's mother, Daniella, admits she never recognized her daughter's remarkable artistic ability until that fateful lunch on January 3.

"Sophie had never shown much interest in drawing or any of that," reveals Daniella, 28. "I'd given her crayons when she was smaller and she either broke them in half or tried to eat the tips."

That day, the rug rat was being a very picky eater and refused to eat anything but the dessert.

"When I saw that she'd made a mess of the tablecloth, I scolded her at first," Daniella recalls. "Then I noticed the pattern Sophie had made with her dirty hands and thought it was quite striking.

"I showed it to my husband, who's very interested in art, and he agreed."

The couple cut out the pudding-smeared section of tablecloth and framed it. When their church held a charity art contest, they entered it on a whim — and to their surprise and bemusement, it won.

"An art critic who belongs to our church was so impressed that he suggested we enter it in the Gauguin contest," says proud papa Jean-Francois, 29.

When the winner of the competition was announced in early March, the couple was astounded.

"Being told you've sired an artistic genius takes a while to get used to," says Jean-Francois, who repairs pianos for a living.

WINS PRESTIGIOUS

AT THE ripe old age of 3, little Sophie Rinet didn't intend to become a full-time artist — but after she won Europe's prestigious Gauguin Prize with her Pudding Smudge, above, her work is in high demand.

and the darling of the French press. Prestigious art academies are competing for her enrollment, offering full tuition. And a top gallery has commissioned Sophie to create seven more pudding pieces.

"We already have clients lined up who are willing to pay millions for her work," says gallery owner Henri St. Germain.

"The contest judges are recommending that her original pudding piece be hung in a place of honor in the Louvre, where other great masterpieces including the *Mona Lisa* are on display."

Not everyone is convinced Sophie is a genius. An American art critic is still shaking his head over the judges' decision.

"I suppose that in a country where Jerry Lewis is hailed as a genius, nothing should surprise us," he says.

Little Sophie isn't concerned about the controversy. When asked what she thinks about when she

NEW BOOK OF WEE-WEES!

YOU might think that one Norwegian guy's manhood is pretty much like the next, but nothing could be further from the truth. And to prove it, a prominent Norwegian sexpert is compiling a book that illustrates the variety of his countrymen's wee-wees!

will feature 80 to 100 photographs of human treats of all shapes and sizes. And surprisingly, the eye-popping tome's target audience is straight men.

"Heterosexual men have no one to compare their penises with," Dr. Knudtzon explained in an interview.

"During my 18 years as a sexologist, I have answered all kinds of questions relating to penises. Many think theirs is either too small or

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BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freakiest news stories from around the globe!

'MARK OF THE BEAST' IS WRONG

EMBARRASSED theologians within the Catholic Church say they've been wrong for centuries about the "mark of the beast." It's not 666, but 999!

"All this time we've been reading it upside down," says a highly placed Vatican administrator. "The 666 turns out to be a sign of goodness and divinity, not a mark signifying possession by the evil one."

He says church documents will be revised and annotated with the correction. But Pope John Paul II does not plan to issue a formal statement or apologize to anyone who has been branded as a Satanic stooge for having 666 appear on their body or significant in their name.

"It was an honest mistake," he says.

SPRINGSTEEN TUNES USED IN 'TORTURE'

SUSPECTED terrorists are being subjected to horrible torture at the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, complains a prisoner who's been released. He says he was forced to listen to Bruce Springsteen!

"All day they blared patriotic music. It was 'Born in the U.S.A.,'" says ex-inmate Hamad Abderrahman Ahmad, a Spaniard who denies any involvement with terrorist activity.

Hamad also says Guantanamo prison cells are tiny and cramped, and the heat on the tropical island is oppressive.

"We had to put wet towels on our heads to be able to bear the heat and not hear the music," he says.

QUEST'S GRENADE KILLS BRIDE

A GRENADE exploded at a wedding reception in Ethiopia, killing the bride and three guests. But it wasn't a terrorist attack — one of the guests had the miniature bomb hanging from his belt while dancing at the party!

The Ethiopia News Agency reports that the grenade fell from the man's belt during a group dance at the ceremony in Hamgoo Sera, a farming community in a remote section of eastern Ethiopia.

Ethiopians are required to have a license to own grenades and other firearms. Police used the wedding

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS....

Sound Off!

FREAKS, GEEKS & WEIRDOS WAS AMUSING & JUST A LITTLE BIT NAUSEATING TO BOOT! THANKS!

DEAR EDITOR: I spent several minutes looking through your "Freaks, Geeks and Weirdos" section in the March 15, 2004, issue, but try as I might, I couldn't find a picture of Michael Jackson! Looks like you dropped the ball there! Seriously, it was a great article. Amazing, amusing and just a little bit nauseating to boot! Thanks!

— Jerry P., Cedar Ridge, Ark.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: I'm appalled over the matter of the murdered Bigfoot (March 2, 2004). I believe the officers of the law who committed this horrible act should be held accountable.

These Bigfoots are God's creatures. They have as much right to dwell on this Earth as any other animal God made. Who do these lawyers think they are, anyhow? What right did they have to kill a mother in front of her child?

I happen to know some Bigfoots. And I sure won't tell anyone where they are by any means! If I could make friends with them, I would consider it a great honor.

— Susan P., Durhamville, N.Y.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: My squad and I are in Iraq. We have been reading about Bat Boy, Osama, Saddam and the shaved ape baby, and we were wondering if the ape baby and Bat Boy were born of the same mother. If so, are they working together and not selling us? If not, maybe they should be friends. You guys should try to arrange a meeting.

— David M., Iraq

David, Bat Boy is definitely in no way related to any of the shaved ape babies. As for a meeting, it seems unlikely, since Bat Boy is notoriously difficult to pin down, but you never know.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: After reading your chilling story about Satan's Witnesses going door to door and harassing people (March 15, 2004), I got pretty paranoid.

In fact, yesterday, after somebody rang the doorbell, I quickly opened the door and hit the guy over the head with a frying pan, knocking him out cold.

It turned out to be a teenager selling magazine subscriptions to raise money for his school to build an annex for its library.

Unfortunately, when the cops arrived later they weren't very sympathetic about my fear of Satan's Witnesses, and it looks like I could be charged with assault if the kid decides to press charges. Oh well. I guess you just can't win.

— Bertha K., Dayton, Ohio

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: I read with interest your article about the woman who got stopped at the airport when a metal detector was set off by her chastity belt (March 15, 2004).

I wear a leather chastity belt precisely to avoid such embarrassing situations, and I strongly recommend this type of belt to all your readers.

— Robin F., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

I can't say I'm too happy about that article you ran concerning the planned strike of millions of housewives on April 15 (March, 15, 2004). My wife came across the story and now

THE ULTIMATE SHOESHINE

By HUBERT HARRELL
Correspondent

Topless gal cleans up — with her butt!

LUSCIOUS Lacey Depruett is making money hand over fist as America's only topless shoeshine girl!

The former Watermelon Queen has only been in business for six months. And she's already raking in a cool $5,000 a week from drooling men who shell out $100 just to get buffed off with — what else? — the 36-24-36 cutie's faux sheepskin bikini bottom.

"Best shine I ever had," says a man who gave his name as "John Q. Public" to, as he put it, "keep the peace at home."

"That little filly certainly knows what she's doing. And there's nothing dirty or nasty about it, either.

"She makes topless shoe shining seem like the most natural thing in the world."

Depruett, 26, says the idea of shining shoes in the buff "just occurred to me" after she lost her job selling furniture last August.

Determined to avoid government assistance, she took her $1,375 life savings and rented a small office near the Los Angeles International Airport.

She also got a license that allows her to dance nude, although she admits, "I can't dance my way out of a paper bag. I just didn't want to get in trouble, and I figured the license would cover me.

"A friend made me a sign that says, 'Lacey's Topless Shoeshine Boutique.'

"And I told some cabbie friends of mine to spread the word to guys flying into the airport that if their needed their shoes spiffed up, this is the place to come.

"Business was slow at first, but pretty soon I had more customers than I could handle.

MERRIE SHINES: Lacey Depruett puts buffs shoes to a sparkling finish.

"I like shining shoes, but I can't stay down there on my knees wiggling and jiggling all day long. Each shine takes about 15 minutes. Ten customers a day is enough for me.

"After that, I just want to go home and put my feet up in front of the TV or relax in a hot tub with incense and candles burning and New Age music playing on the stereo."

Cops say they've had no trouble from Depruett — and they don't expect to.

"We always send a couple of undercover guys to these places just to check things out," says one vice detective.

"One of our men tried to get her to do a 'little something' extra, and she not only refused to do it, she slapped him — and called 911."

Just how long Depruett will stay in the nude shoeshine business remains to be seen.

"I'm making a lot of money, but I don't think I'll do this forever," she says. "I might just save enough to open a little coffee shop somewhere. And, no, it won't be a nude coffee shop.

"One spill and I could get scalded in places I don't even want to think about."

JUNGLE FEVER!

IT'S A jungle out there — and with this wild leopard-spot bikini, it looks like Dulce is dressed and ready for it. Dulce really does like to be where the action is, and she's had plenty in her young life. The California cutie is a professional dancer and former NFL cheerleader, who also has worked as a licensed cosmetologist and in a child-care center for elementary school children. She enjoys camping, being at the beach — anything outdoors. At 5 feet 6 inches tall and 120 pounds, she measures 34B-24-

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JESTERS were around long before the Middle Ages. A pygmy clown performed as a jester in the court of Pharaoh Dedkari-Assi during Egypt's Fifth Dynasty about 2500 B.C., experts say.

CHRIST'S FORGOTTEN 13th APOSTLE WAS AN IDIOT!

By BRETT ANNISTON, Correspondent

JESUS had a 13th apostle who was edited out of the Bible — because he was an obnoxious jerk, claims a maverick researcher.

He heckled Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount — and called Him a lousy carpenter

THE apostles begged Jesus to give Daryll the heave-ho.

"I have uncovered ancient documents that prove the original versions of all four gospels featured a man named Daryll, a 13th apostle who was a constant embarrassment to Jesus," says British historian Dr. Chad Norton-Chestwell.

"He was rather like a drunken guest at a party who clowns around thinking he's being funny, when he's really just annoying everyone.

"At the Sermon on the Mount, for instance, Daryll showed up smashed and actually heckled Jesus, shouting things like 'Boring!'

"On Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Daryll ruined the dignity of the occasion by cheering the crowd. He then turned to Jesus and remarked, 'How's that for turning the other cheek?' Christ had to stop several of His followers from beating the man senseless.

"The last straw was when Daryll got drunk and fell asleep during the Last Supper. He started snoring and farting and woke everyone up. He then had the nerve to ask, 'Where's the wine? There wasn't enough for all the guests.' Well, guess why they ran out!

"The other 12 apostles constantly urged Christ to give Daryll the heave-ho, but Jesus, being who He was, He could only forgive the idiot."

All references to the airhead apostle were excised in the 4th century when Christian patriarchs finalized the New Testament.

"The church fathers felt that Daryll detracted from the solemnity of the text," explains the researcher.

Coming at a time when Christians are packing movie theaters to view Mel Gibson's grim flick The Passion of the Christ, Dr. Norton-Chestwell's findings are sure to cause a stir.

"The life and death of our Lord is not a laughing matter," blasts a Baptist theologian.

But Dr. Norton-Chestwell notes that in the ancient parchments — which turned up in a chest stolen from the Vatican in 1961 — Jesus Himself occasionally chuckled at the buffoon's antics.

"The modern church has suppressed this material because the idea of a Christ with a sense of humor doesn't fit in with their world view," he says.

According to the original versions of the gospels, Daryll was a jester in the court of the Emperor Nero until he nailed an unspecified crook that got him the boot.

Nero's loss was Christ's gain, as Daryll became a jester to Christ's circle as well.

"Jesus kept Daryll around to remind His followers not to take themselves too seriously," he says. "Remember, these fellows could be awfully self-important, particularly Peter.

"One time a chap Matthew was sitting in collapsed under him. Without stopping a beat, Daryll turned to Jesus and said, 'My Lord, you may be the son of God, but you're one lousy carpenter.'

"The other apostles were aghast, but Jesus laughed."

Daryll wouldn't keep his mouth shut even during the performance of dazzling miracles. When Lazarus is brought back from the dead, the apostle is described as holding his nose and saying, "The man still stinketh."

Dr. Norton-Chestwell reveals: "At the Last Supper, he started a food fight."

Yet at Christ's crucifixion, it was Daryll alone whom He called to be at His side.

"Daryll stayed at the foot of the cross, making light of the situation

PREGNANT MOM BEGS *WEEKLY WORLD NEWS* FOR HELP:

'Will the father of my baby please step forward?'

WHO'S THE DADDY? Brenda Linton wants to find the father of her unborn child — and asks the big-hearted editors at *WWN* to start the search.

A 27-YEAR-OLD gal who says she had a little too much to drink at a party in Atlanta and then "woke up pregnant" wants the father of her baby to fess up — "so our baby will have a name."

"I make $75 a week as a waitress and I can't support this child by myself," Brenda Linton says in an appeal to *Weekly World News* that even she describes as "a long shot."

"I'm hoping and praying the father will come forward and accept his responsibility and do the right thing. I let him take advantage of me when I got upset.

"Now it's time to come out of the shadows and tell both me and the world, 'The baby you're carrying is mine.'"

Linton says the father of the child "is going to have to help me raise the child" because she has no family and is already struggling to make ends meet.

To make matters worse, members of her close-knit fundamentalist church have shunned her ever since she started showing and word leaked out that the identity of the baby's father is a mystery.

"I can barely even remember the party that got me in trouble," says Linton. "A girl I work with invited me to go with her after she heard about it from a friend.

"We both recall that there were at least 30 unattached men having a good time.

NONE of the cowboys that Brenda contacted fessed up to being the mystery man who impregnated her.

dancing and singing and carrying on, just having a good old time."

The attractive young woman says several men asked her to dance — and she did. In fact, the last thing she remembers before waking up nude in a strange bed is cutting the rug to the country classic, "Achy Breaky Heart."

"It seems like the guy I went to bed with was wearing a cowboy hat," she says. "But all the men at the party were wearing cowboy hats.

"I missed my period two weeks later. Then I picked up a pregnancy kit at the supermarket and confirmed the worst.

"I know the man at the party is the father. Before him, I hadn't been with anyone since August."

The couple who threw the party say it was an open house and they know fewer than half of the 100 people who attended. They also say they've "made quite a few telephone calls and none of the men we are acquainted with" will

other guys could have done the deed, but there's no way to get in touch with them because nobody knows how to find them.

In her public appeal for the father of the baby to step forward, Linton promises to be "a good wife and a good mother."

"I'm a good cook and very loyal," she adds. "And I'm not one of those high-maintenance women."

"Just give me a good man who loves and appreciates a good woman and I'll follow him anywhere and do anything he wants without complaining.

"I'll even fetch his beers and the remote so he doesn't have to move from his easy chair after a long day at work. And if he doesn't want to marry me, then we can do the live-in thing.

"But I'm not the only benefit he can look forward to. He'll also get to help raise his child and be the kind of good daddy that every little girl and boy needs. If that's not

Did you know?

- **The FDA advises pregnant women to avoid soft cheeses, including queso blanco, feta, Brie, Camembert and blue-veined cheeses such as Roquefort. Certain soft cheeses can carry the bacterium listeria, which poses a risk to an unborn child.**
- **A woman's arthritis pains will almost always disappear as soon as she becomes pregnant.**
- **Female mosquitoes drink blood while they are pregnant in order to nourish their eggs.**
- **Sharks can be dangerous even before they are born. Scientist Stewart Springer was bitten by a**

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BAT BOY TO BE KNIGHTED

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

On his last visit with Her Majesty, Bat Boy could hardly contain his enthusiasm when told he was in line to be knighted.

QUEEN Elizabeth is reportedly set to knight Bat Boy after the intrepid freak of nature saved a British army patrol in Iraq!

According to official sources, the pointy-eared hero spotted but an ambush laid by terrorists and warned the five soldiers in the nick of time.

The recommendation for Bat Boy's knighthood was made by a top British commander and reads in part:

"Showing total disregard for his own safety, Bat Boy engaged the terrorists in a small-arms firefight. Despite being wounded, Bat Boy then ran three miles and warned an army patrol of the ambush. The enemy fighters were later attacked by gunships and sustained heavy casualties."

The knighting ceremony is expected to take place at Buckingham Palace in early August, says a royal source.

But not every Brit is tossing up his bowler hat at the news. Some bluebloods are incensed that the rare honor is being bestowed on the half-human, half-bat mutant.

"It's bad enough that we now see knights made of working-class actors like Michael Caine, who speaks with a cockney accent [illegible] House of Lords. "It's quite another matter to welcome into the company of nobles a groaning, savage creature that is not even fully human.

"This little monster is unpredictable and dangerous. Who knows what will happen when Her Majesty tries to knight him? He may feel threatened by the sword, snatch it from her hands and run her through."

But high-ranking government officials say Knighthood for the plucky youth is almost certain.

"Saving that patrol is only the latest contribution Bat Boy has made," says a source close to British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. "His missions for the U.S. are top secret, but it's known his superior sense of smell was used to track down Saddam Hussein.

"Also, rumor has it that he recently unearthed evidence of weapons-of-mass-destruction while looking for a cool cave to sleep in one night. This will help Prime Minister Tony Blair save face after the failure to find WMDs in Iraq.

ing Queen Elizabeth to proceed with the knighthood."

Bat Boy will likely be named a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, or KBE, the title typically given to non-Britons.

Because he's an American, Bat Boy should not actually be addressed as "Sir," but will be permitted to put the letters KBE after his name.

The pint-sized hero isn't the first Yank to receive the honor. Other distinguished Americans who've been knighted include former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, evangelist Billy Graham and former President Reagan. And, it was recently announced, megabucks computer geek Bill Gates has earned a knighthood as well.

According to custom, the recommendation will be reviewed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer before being passed on to the Queen.

Palace insiders say that pressure to knight Bat Boy — who is more popular in British opinion polls than Prince Charles — will be irresistible.

ure that we look forward to meeting this peculiar individual in person," she reportedly told an aide. "But his service to the realm must be rewarded."

Editor's note: As Weekly World News went to press, we learned that, in a recent meeting with the queen, Bat Boy attempted to bite the monarch on the nose. While Her Majesty

LAWYER: 'I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE FROM GAY DIVORCES'

The floodgates will soon open as more and more same-sex couples untie the knot!

By MAGGIE DOWD
Correspondent

WHILE MILLIONS of giddy gay couples stand in line to get hitched and live happily ever after, attorney Arnold Beckermand is licking his chops — just waiting for them to divorce.

That's because he's convinced gay marriages will be no happier and have no more staying power than straight marriages, a staggering half of which end in what he calls "extremely lucrative bust-ups."

"It's all peaches and cream now, but just you wait — the Big D looms large," says the attorney from San Francisco, who made a name for himself chasing ambulances but now calls himself a specialist in gay divorce.

"Can you imagine two 40-year-old men going through a midlife crisis in the same house?

"Or two lesbians bawling their eyes out and hot-flashing all over the place with the hot, dank breath of menopause breathing down their necks?

"Some marriages are made in Heaven, and I'm sure a lot of gay marriages will endure no matter what. But you can bet your bottom dollar that half of them are going straight down the tubes.

"That where I come in."

Beckermand's critics — and there are a lot of them — are outraged that he takes such a cynical view of same-sex marriages.

Other attorneys aren't real happy with him either, saying Beckermand is one of a shameful breed of "paternity lawyers" who give all barristers a bad name.

"First he chases ambulances, and now he's chasing newlyweds," fumes one counselor. "There's certainly nothing wrong with representing gay clients — their money is as good as anyone's.

"But Beckermand isn't even giving them a chance to find happiness. He's stomping on their hopes and dreams like a drunk at a doll show. He's an embarrassment to our profession."

Controversy notwithstanding, the out-front partisan does have his supporters.

"As much as I'd like to believe my marriage will last forever, I know there's a chance it won't," says a 29-year-old gay bank who just tied the knot with a gay ex-sea captain 44 years his senior.

"And if something doesn't work out, it's comforting to know there are attorneys who'll be there to protect my interests.

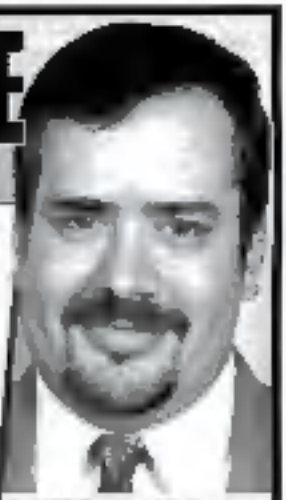
"That's one of the reasons we gays want our marriages to be sanctioned by the state. A big part of what we're looking for is equal protection under the law."

Beckermand — who makes a point of saying that he's "bi-curious" but not gay — says he'll "fight the good fight regardless of naysayers who think I'm somehow being unethical.

"When gay marriages shatter in heartbreak, I'll help them pick up the pieces," he explains. "When gay couples go their separate ways, I'll be there to make sure the pie is sliced into three equal pieces — one each for the three of us."

JUST like straight marriages, Beckermand figures, half of gay unions are destined to go down in flaming failure. And he'll be there to cash in on the ashes.

LESBIAN break-ups will be even more emotional than straight splits, Beckermand predicts, with twice the hormones raging.



LAWYER Arnold Beckermand is getting ready to chase the gold at the end of the gay rainbow.

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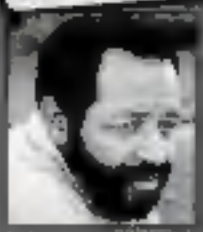


Belgian naturalist and Bigfoot researcher Dr. Henri Tatou

JACQUES, who bears a striking resemblance to Harry from Harry and the Hendersons, told his people are shy and fearful of human contact.

By PETE DONOHUE Correspondent
Interview by Mitchell Berg

. . . He tells of his people's quest for Twinkies & why they fear Halle Berry

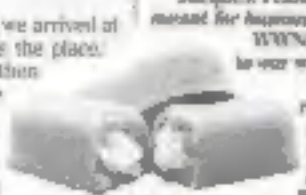
THEY have long been seen, spoken of, and speculated about. Recently, two were shot dead by police in Montana. But the legendary creature known as Bigfoot has never been known to communicate with humankind — until now.

When Belgian naturalist and longtime Bigfoot researcher Dr. Henri Tatou first contacted Weekly World News claiming he could actually set up an interview with a Bigfoot, we were of course skeptical.

But Dr. Tatou has impeccable credentials and a sterling reputation in his field, and ultimately we were persuaded to send a reporter to a darkly forested area in Washington State where Dr. Tatou claimed to have had repeated contact with a 7-foot, 2-inch tall Bigfoot he had dubbed Jacques, after a particularly hirsute uncle.

Says reporter Mitchell Berg: "Early on the morning of Saturday, February 21, Dr. Tatou and I made our way into Capitol State Forest. The intense cold and thick carpet of snow on the rough terrain made for a difficult hike, and I dearly hoped the hardship would end up being worth it. As it turned out, it was.

"Shortly before noon, we arrived at a small clearing. 'This is the place,' said Dr. Tatou. He then looked up and gave three sharp, loud whistles in short succession. He did this every few minutes for about a quarter of an hour, when I was suddenly astounded by the appearance of a huge, hairy humanoid figure that stood about seven feet tall."



HOSTESS TWINKIES

Berg reports that Jacques has been meeting with Dr. Tatou for several months, and had quickly taught him sign language. "These creatures are highly intelligent but lack a proper larynx, so they cannot really speak," said the naturalist. "Ask Jacques your questions, and I will act as interpreter."

Here is the text of the conversation:

WWN: We call your people "Bigfoot," but how do you refer to yourselves?

Jacques: We speak mainly with our hands, so when we refer to ourselves, we use our signs for "happy" and "forest," so you would call us the Happy Forest People. We live in tune with God and nature, and so we are quite content.

WWN: How do your people manage to keep yourselves hidden from humans so well?

Jacques: We primarily exist in another world, a different reality, you might say. Only occasionally do we venture into your world.

WWN: How do you do that?

Jacques: I cannot tell you. It is not meant for humans to know.

WWN: Why do you come to our world?

Jacques: Various reasons. Sometimes to forage, sometimes to escape predators in our world, sometimes to search for Hostess Twinkies.

WWN: You like Twinkies?

Jacques: Twinkies are sweet. Yes, we always like the sweet.

WWN: Halle Berry?!

Jacques: Yes. Your women in general are an unappealing lot, but this Halle Berry — her smooth and hairless skin . . . her symmetrically symmetrical facial features . . . her unnaturally white teeth and high rounded brows . . . she is truly hideous.

WWN: That's incredible. By our standards, she's beautiful.

Jacques: Your people have much to learn, my friend.

WWN: Do you have one particular message you would like to impart to humanity?

Jacques: Yes. You must learn to cultivate a peaceful and compassionate species. Pray for guidance, and understand that divisions of nationality are meaningless. You are all one.

WWN: Do you know about the Bigfoots who were killed recently by police in Montana?

Jacques: Yes. We forgive your people, because we know you are out of ignorance. Still, these are terrible crimes. Humans must learn to turn away from their violent tendencies, or they will never advance spiritually.

WWN: Do you pay attention to current events in the world of humans?

Jacques: Yes. In fact, we often read your newspapers. And we also have the means to watch your television broadcasts. We are quite familiar with your TV programs and films, though some frighten us.

ACTRESS HALLE BERRY

WWN: They frighten you? You mean because of the prejudiciousness of violence?

Jacques: Partly, but mostly it is . . .

OIL DISCOVERED IN CUBA

— U.S. troops poised to liberate island nation

CUBAN dictator Fidel Castro could soon be out of power and in jail — just like Saddam Hussein the White House has vowed.

A DEEP-SEA rig has been scrambling for oil off Cuba, and high-tech satellites have located a rich reserve, sources say.

By MIGUEL FIGUEROA
[illegible]

HIGH-TECH U.S. satellites have detected huge [redacted] reserves off the coast of Cuba — and delighted White House officials are swiftly formulating plans to invade the island nation [redacted] topple Fidel Castro!

The surprise attack, set for early summer, will be pitched as a [redacted] "liberation" of the Cuban people from the communist dictator.

Says a senior White House official, "The president will basically [redacted] tell the world, 'Castro has been a threat to this hemisphere for too long. The time for a diplomatic solution has passed.'"

The Bush administration is eager to see the tyrant who's thumbed his nose at so many presidents finally captured and in handcuffs, just like Saddam. But it's the access to millions of gallons of "black gold" that really excites the White House.

"We're looking at an end to our dependency on Middle Eastern oil," explains the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Once it's liberated, Cuba will be a U.S. territory, much like Puerto Rico. In other words, the entire island and all its resources will be ours."

'The transition to democracy and freedom will present many challenges to the Cuban people and to America, and we will be prepared,' Bush said

THE INVASION will strike the sprawling island nation that's only 90 miles from the southern tip of Florida. Arrows pinpoint oil rigs off Cuban coast.

deep-sea drilling rig was placed off the coast with the cooperation of Fidel, to search for a major deposit of light crude.

But U.S. energy companies who have President Bush's ear have pushed for our [redacted] some high-tech [redacted] until the amazing discovery was made.

"We already have pinpointed an [redacted] reserve of oil it," explains the official. "It's just a matter of overthrowing Fidel so we can get at it."

President Bush has been busily laying the political groundwork for the invasion, tentatively dubbed Operation Free Cuba.

Last October 10, before a gathering of Cuban-Americans in the Rose Garden, he surprised many by announcing that the administration is planning to bring down Castro soon, by unspecified means.

He directed Secretary of State Colin Powell to chair a panel that will "plan for the happy days" when Castro's regime is no more.

"The transition to democracy and freedom will present many challenges to the Cuban people and to America, and we will be prepared," Bush said.

The president could get a big political payoff from the invasion.

"This time the vote in Florida won't be close, trust me," the official says.

"[redacted] when gas [redacted] drop to just pennies a gallon, Americans nationwide will be ecstatic."

Though no details of the top secret invasion plan are available, the source hinted that the U.S. base at [redacted] would be used to launch the attack.

"After the liberation, it will serve as headquarters for the U.S. civil administrator of Cuba, or 'big enchilada' as war planners refer to the role," the source reveals.

The official insists that the attack will be nothing like the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961, in which a strike force of fewer than 1,300 men landed without crucial air support.

"This isn't going to be some [redacted]-hearted effort," he promises. "We're

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS, MARCH 5, 1991

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME MISS WEEKLY WORLD NEWS 2004?

MISS WWN 2003, Kelsey Murphy, has the fresh face and stunning figure of a real beauty queen. She's a tough act to follow!

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Our 2004 queen will have a lot to live up to. Past title holders have gone on to become business executives, college professors, research scientists, top fashion models and even political leaders.

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Finally, answer the following question in 25 words or less: If you had complete power to solve just one problem in the world today, what would it be and why?

Do you look like our Page 3 Girl, Debra? If you do, send us a photo and tell us about yourself. You could be our big winner.

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WORLD NEWS, April 5, 2004

So you wanna see a Nazi?

IF YOU THINK celebrities aren't always happy to see loads of gawking fans outside their mansions in Beverly Hills, imagine how hunted Nazi war criminals hiding out in South America must feel when busybodies come around clutching the new "star maps" of their homes.

That's right. The biggest best-seller in Argentina is a guide to the houses of Nazi bigwigs who sought refuge there after Germany's defeat in World War II.

Many of the war criminals ended up in Bariloche, a small rustic town on the edge of the Andes — very reminiscent of the German Alps.

The guidebook, titled *Nazi Bariloche*, features such sites as a dolphinarium in the town square, owned by former SS Capt. Erich Priebke; and Club Andino Bariloche, a mountaineering association that was founded by Otto Meiling, a big shot in the Hitler Youth.

The author of the guide insists there's nothing cavalier about his approach.

"It is a serious investigation, presented in nontraditional format, which seeks to demonstrate that Bariloche was a Nazi stronghold," researcher Abel Basti was quoted as saying in London's *Daily Telegraph*.

NOW THAT TAKES THE CAKE!

LIGHTING 101 candles on her great-grandmother's birthday cake was a bad move, says Brenda Simpson, who watched in shock and disbelief as the fire spread to nearby curtains — and burned down the old woman's ancestral home.

Nobody was injured in the blaze. But firefighters in Cape

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HEY DOC, CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND?

WOW, is this guy a mess — not only's he's lost an arm and what's he doing sitting on his leg? It's waiting to be reattached, that's what. The 23-year-old man from Valencia, Spain, lost the arm in a traffic accident. The stump got infected and doctors needed a way to keep the arm alive while healing the stump. They just connected the veins and arteries of the arm to the ones in the leg, so the arm will be healthy when the stump is ready. These doctors sound like real handy guys!

KEITH RICHARDS SHOULD BE DEAD, SAYS DOCTOR

HARD-LIVING Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards should have dropped dead eight years ago, reveals a health expert.

Based on his lifestyle, Richards — who has a well-chronicled history of drug abuse — should have kicked the bucket back in 1998, according to the calculations of famed gerontologist Dr. David Demko. Yet the leather faced rocker, now 60, has "cheated death," the baffled expert marvels.

"He should have passed away at 52," dumbfounded Dr. Demko says. "I'm not sure

the tape."

The expert researched records, searched the lifestyles of many performers and predicted their death dates in an article entitled "When Will Your Favorite Rock Star Die?" for Reader magazine.

According to Demko's mathematical system, Olga Osborne will leave us in nine years at age 65; Whitney Houston goes in 2018 at age 45; Britney Spears will pass away at just 36; and Michael "Wacko Jacko" Jackson, 45, will become ash and dust in 2014.

Dean Irving and energetic Stevie, a committed vegetarian and yoga enthusiast, can expect to live to and perhaps

Crack head finds ultimate high

A CRACK head found the ultimate high after buying illegal drugs on the street.

What he couldn't know was [illegible] other junkie was watching as he paid [illegible] for the drugs.

Peter Johnson then swooped in and attacked the drug dealer. The gutless thief managed to escape but was captured when he [illegible] with [illegible] by several bags of crack cocaine he kept the police from finding the drugs — and carefully he chewed to

YOU CAN TELL IF A GAL IS A TRAMP

– BY CHECKING OUT HER FINGERS!

By GEORGE SANFORD

IN the past, the only reason for a bachelor to check out an attractive gal's ring finger at a bar was to find out if she was already married or engaged.

But now researchers say it's possible to take one look at a woman's hand and discover whether she's a hot-to-trot tramp who'll jump in bed with you at the drop of a hat!

An intriguing new study done by McMaster University reveals that women whose index fingers are shorter than their ring fingers are far more likely to engage in casual sex.

The eye-opening finding was made by psychologist Andrew Clark, an expert at the prestigious school in Ontario, Canada, and will be published in the journal *Evolution and Human Behavior*.

Men typically have longer ring fingers than index fingers, while in women the ratio is usually the reverse. Clark found in two separate studies of college coeds that those special few ladies whose ring fingers are longer are more willing "to engage in casual, uncommitted sex."

The researcher speculates that women who exhibit the trait were exposed to higher-than-average levels of the male hormone testosterone while developing in the womb.

And although the ratio [illegible] [illegible] hands – it by no means dooms them to be lesbians. Indeed, a high level of testosterone is linked to increased heterosexual appetite in both men and women.

"These women are the kind who will jump into bed with a man at the drop of a hat and are extremely open to sexual experimentation," explains another expert.

"They basically engage in the same caddish ring-finger [illegible] as a skirt-chasing male.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

"I [illegible] that the power [illegible] [illegible] to spread one's genes [illegible] with as many partners as possible is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Thus women with [illegible] [illegible] behavior [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are driven to engage in sexual [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

"Although experts have known for a century that the [illegible] [illegible] index and ring [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and women [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had not previously noticed any behavioral differences among people who are an exception to the rule.

"Now that the study is out, [illegible] are expected to pay a lot more attention to women's hands. But gals, if you want [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] beware – the pretty girl in the bar may hold up her middle finger for you to gaze at.

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DO YOU HAVE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BUTT?

By VICKIE YORK
Correspondent

DO YOU have the largest rear end anyone's ever seen — a king-size keister so enormous your titanic tush is the talk of the town? Then you could be sitting on a gold mine!

The manufacturer of a new weight loss product is looking for the world's biggest butt — and the winner of the colossal-caboose contest will become the company's official spokesmodel!

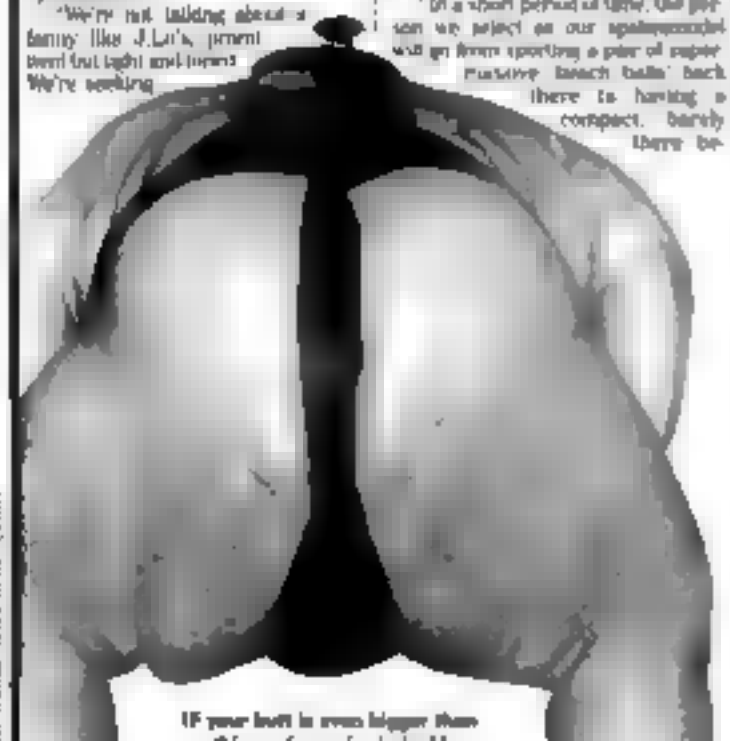
"We're not talking about a fanny like J.Lo's, [illegible] We're seeking a spectacularly [illegible] times larger than [illegible] Sanderfield, president [illegible] Rubber-Buster Health Shakes.

"The winner of our international contest will receive a free six-month supply of our shakes. For our ads, we'll take before and after photos of him or her from behind in skin-tight jeans.

"People will see how our shakes can whittle even the fattest person down to size."

The Australian company claims its miracle product turns the body into a "fat burning machine."

"In a short period of time, the person we select as our spokesmodel will go from sporting a pair of super massive beach balls back there to having a compact, barely there be-



IF your butt is even bigger than [illegible]

IF YOU DO — you could be sitting on a gold mine!

hind that looks like it belongs on a teenage pop star," promises Sanderfield.

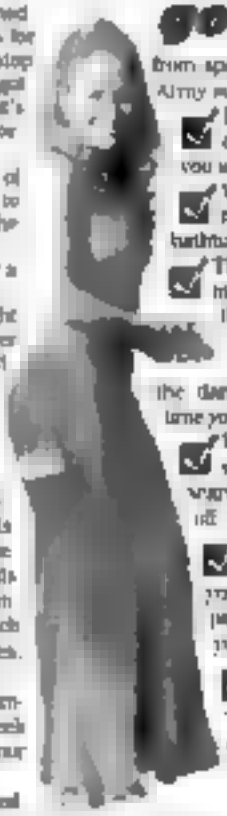
"If you've been ashamed of your gigantic buttocks for years, this is the time to stop trying to hide it. If you've got it, flaunt it — because it's your ticket to fame and fortune.

"And in a matter of months, you'll be happy to proudly display it on the beach as a thong — whether you're a man or a woman."

Do you have the "right stuff" to be named owner of the world's biggest butt — and win a lucrative endorsement deal?

Here are 12 signs that your backside is a serious contender:

- You require a restroom of three seats while flying on an airplane.
- Neighborhood kids have given you an unflattering nickname, such as Lard Bottom, J. Lopez, or Brontosaurus Butt.
- In the dog days of summer, animals seek shade in the shadow of your humongous hiney.
- You've demolished four or more patios.
- You can't fit into store-bought un-



DOES your oversized derriere make [illegible] look flat as a pancake?

- Thanks to your mountainous muffin, you can't pass through a revolving door.
- You've stopped "thinking that thing up" on the dance floor because the last time you did, someone was injured.
- When you step onto an elevator, fellow passengers look scared and hurriedly scramble off.
- You need to allow several minutes of "lag time" for your blubbery backside to pass through a doorway after you do.
- You often find yourself grumbling about how "small" cars are today — even when squeezing into a Hummer.

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MAKE A WORLD WITH [illegible]

My America

BY ED ANGER

Ed says:

BAN HOWARD STERN FROM THE AIRWAVES

– and bring back wholesome radio shows like Orson Welles' Mercury Theater and Edgar Bergen & Charlie McCarthy!

I'M MADDER than the Green Hornet on Kato's vacation day at that sleazy shock jock Howard Stern and all his disciples nationwide who pollute the airwaves with their obscene trash!

Sure, Clear Channel Communications suspended Stern [illegible] but dozen stations don't run [illegible] rival network carries him in other cities. And he now has a syndicated [illegible] than he is. Remember those [illegible] who talked a couple [illegible] at St. Patrick's Cathedral?

Just once I listened to Stern to see [illegible] and Dumbo kept raving about what a "comic genius" he is. Well, I didn't take me long to figure out why my boy was so worked up. The whole show was about some horny goon [illegible] taking her clothes off on the air.

I [illegible] Stephen Hawking, but how [illegible] you have to be to LISTEN to a guy supposedly stripping on the radio? Yet millions of Stern fans are [illegible] this [illegible] in every city.

Now look at the good old days, people look it on faith that when they listened to Charlie McCarthy on the radio, [illegible] weren't missing. But those were simpler times, when a ventriloquist could be trusted not to cheat – even if [illegible] couldn't see him.

WHOLESOME old-time radio shows like The Shadow, featuring the

SLEAZY shock jocks like Howard Stern should be locked off the air, Ed says

[illegible] starting with Howard Stern and his clones. The problem [illegible] more than dirty rap music or the punks' propaganda on MTV.

There [illegible] bring back the wholesome radio shows of yesteryear like The Shadow, The Great Gildersleeve and Fibber McGee and Molly.

The Greatest Generation grew up on those shows — that's how they learned the moral values that helped them win World War II, by jimmy.

Listening to The Lone Ranger, boys learned to be brave, always do the right thing and shoot the gun out of a bad guy's hand every [illegible]

Does Armstrong [illegible] the All-American boy, Jack Armstrong, [illegible] model, Mr. Dithmar, [illegible] everyone respect in the [illegible]

There are plenty [illegible] that would be just as [illegible] today as they were back in the [illegible] like The Lone Ranger [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Keen [illegible]

[illegible] about the tech show that should never be rebroadcast is that stupid [illegible] program [illegible] Web pervert.

My daughter [illegible] to listen to [illegible] Eight-year-goddess Mariah [illegible] and was pretty mad when he found out the whole thing was a big [illegible] Haines have no business on the radio. If we wanted [illegible] we'd keep that channel [illegible] on the air, by gosh.

But don't worry, Orson could still get back on the radio as the star of The Shadow, [illegible] young ladies that the weed of crime bears bitter fruit, crime does not pay, and speaking [illegible] with that creepy laugh.

Ed Anger

FANS trusted ventriloquist Edgar

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EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

OLDSTERS BRAWL OVER BUFFET

Mealtime bickering leads to mayhem after 84-year-old is punched out in food feud

THE SALAD BAR at a retirement home is one of the last places you'd expect to have a brawl break out

A BRAWL broke out in the dining room of a posh retirement home, injuring three people — including the mother of one of the scuffling seniors.

Retirees were punched in the face, bitten in the arm or knocked to the floor in the mealtime melee that was touched off when two men exchanged nasty words in the buffet line, according to police in Winter Haven, Fla.

At the height of the retirees' rumble, police spokesman J.J. Stanton says, "all the old folks were either getting up to help or trying to get out of there. But those who tried to help only got hurt for their trouble.

Stanton says the fight first started at Spring Haven Retirement Community when a 82-year-old man was picking through lettuce in the salad bar. An 84-year-old man told him in a disgusted tone that nobody wanted to eat food after it had been "played with."

The 82-year-old cursed the 84-year-old, who responded by calling the younger man a name. Then the 82-year-old allegedly punched the 84-year-old in the face.

Stanton says a 79-year-old man tried to break up the fight, and was allegedly bitten on the arm by the 82-year-old brawler. A 83-year-old man was knocked to the ground and cut his head.

And the 86-something mom of the 82-year-old — the man who'd allegedly thrown the first punch — ended up cutting her arm when she tried to get her son under control.

Stanton says the three injured elderly were treated at a local hospital and then sent home.

None of them wanted to press charges, he says, but the 82-year-old scrapper has been asked to move out.

Stanton says the upscale retirement community is normally quiet and placid.

"I've been in police work for 24 years," he says, "and I've never seen anything like this."

CRIME BLOTTER

MAN SLAYS NEIGHBOR WITH LEG

Horrified police say a man ripped an artificial leg off a neighbor's body and used it to beat up the neighbor!

The alleged attacker suspected the neighbor of stealing some medicine from his apartment, according to police in Fredericksburg, Va. They say he rushed to the neighbor's apartment, knocked him to the ground, and pulled off the false leg — which he used as a club and bashed the neighbor in the face.

The one-legged man was later treated at a hospital for a broken nose and other facial injuries. Police arrested the husband for assault and theft.

GLOVES ARE STOLEN

Security guards who were filling up an ATM were robbed by a bunch of thieves — real thieves!

Cops in Crystal Canyon, Montana, say five men in goofy costumes stole about $100,000 in cash from the guards, and then disappeared into a crowd of revelers in a street carnival. "Many people were disguised as clowns, so it was impossible to distinguish them," says a frustrated police spokesman.

The weekend crime spree almost turned into a tragedy when the clowns and guards started shooting at each other. One of the guards was injured.

STUDENT KILLS FOR GRADUATION

You thought your school was tough on students? The principal of a school in India shot and killed a student for passing notes during an exam, according to police!

They say Harnek Singh, head of the high school in Chhapparwali, blasted 20-year-old Sandip Singh, who later died of a bullet wound to his chest.

Sources say the student had been handing notes, or pals, who would copy them to cheat from. The principal warned them to stop, but apparently they didn't — so Principal Singh allegedly decided to hand out the ultimate expulsion.

Police say the principal fled after the shooting. Police were still looking for him.

RAP SHEET

CUSTODY FAILS TO BE OF GREAT CONCERN

FAME is usually a good thing for performers, but in the case of rising rap star Pastor Troy it just got him in deeper trouble during a recent drug arrest.

Lawmen say Troy had been pulled over for a traffic offense in Fayetteville, Ga., when a Fayette County sheriff's deputy allegedly found a small amount of marijuana — less than an ounce — in his car.

Sources say Troy gave the deputy a fake name — but when the deputy then found one of the rapper's CDs in the car, reading his real name, he knew who he was dealing with and called out in him. The deputy then found one of the rapper's CDs in the car, reading his real name.

A sheriff's spokesperson says Troy, whose real name is Antwan Lamar Troy, was arrested for obstruction, possession of marijuana and giving a false name to police, which is also a misdemeanor.

He was released from Fayette County Jail after posting bond. As press time, prosecutors had not formally filed a case against him.

RAP STAR Pastor Troy

DOPE OF THE WEEK

A BRAZILIAN man lost two bags packed with marijuana — and was busted when he actually went to the police for help in finding them!

Lawmen in Campinas, Brazil, say the dope had left the cargo compartment of a bus station. When he found the bags missing, he went to police who'd taken the bags, which they said weighed 31 kilos — about 271 pounds — at the illegal weed.

"He was very naive to think that we were going to help him find two bags filled with drugs," says a police spokesman. "Even if we hadn't found

ARE YOU NUTS?

IT'S NOT too late to get help if we can convince that you're a raving lunatic!

FIND OUT NOW – BY ANSWERING THESE THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS

By FRED KENNEDY, Correspondent

You can find out if you're nuts and don't know it, with tips from a leading psychiatrist.

"Millions of Americans are clinically insane but they don't realize it because, well, they're crazy," says maverick Dr. Barbara Fiene.

"But it's certainly nothing to be embarrassed about. Some of our greatest historical figures and celebrities have been stark, raving mad. Billionaire Howard Hughes was an obsessive-compulsive lunatic who washed his hands hundreds of times a day because he was terrified of germs."

Finding out whether you are nuts can help you avoid making costly and embarrassing mistakes, says the expert.

Here are three "yes" and "no" questions that, when answered honestly, will indicate whether you're riding the "sanity train" or the "cuckoo bus," says Fiene, adding that if your friends and loved ones don't want to answer the questions themselves, you may feel free to answer for them and tell them what you've concluded.

Remember: You must answer each question with a "yes" or a "no" — no hedging!

1 Do you ever feel that life is more complicated than it needs to be?

If you answered "no," you have an admirable grip on reality and the kind of can-do attitude that it takes to be a winner in life.

If you answered "yes," that is not a good sign. You are struggling to cope and in time may crack or even "go postal" and kill somebody, especially if you answer "yes" to the next question.

2 Do you think other people are the cause of your problems?

If you answered "yes," you are both intimate and out-of-balance, a classic "nut." The chances of you ever finding meaning and happiness in life are slim. After awhile, this misery may cause you to fall completely off your rocker.

If you answered "no," you are level-headed and even-tempered. Both of these are characteristics of a sane and healthy individual, psychiatrist Fiene says.

"If you are sane, congratulations ... and if you are a nut, take heart," continues the Los Angeles-based expert. "Today really is the first day of the rest of your life. And if you want to change you can.

"If you've got money, make an appointment with a psychiatrist. If you're poor, visit your state-supported mental health center and stand in line. Either way, you'll find yourself on the [illegible] would happen all the time and the [illegible] just go away."

If you answered "no," once again, you've proved that you are capable of rolling with the punches, and that you can embrace life and live it to the fullest ... which are hallmarks of the same mind.

If you answered "yes," you are deeply and possibly even dangerously troubled. By rejecting the half of reality that is not to your liking, you are constantly struggling to come to terms with "what is" and "what could be." Even worse, you've allowed your psyche to split, rendering yourself "schizo."

King Midas – who wanted everything to turn gold – suffered this way. He was extremely unhappy and, eventually, the famed fairy-tale royal went stark, raving mad.

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If you answered "yes," you are both intimate and out-of-balance, a classic "nut." The chances of you ever finding meaning and happiness in life are slim. After awhile, this misery may cause you to fall completely off your rocker.

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"If you are sane, congratulations ... and if you are a nut, take heart," continues the Los Angeles-based expert. "Today really is the first day of the rest of your life. And if you want to change you can.

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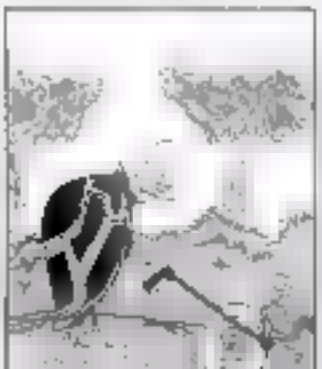
NEWS 'TOONS

"O positive on the rocks please."

"I found a real simple way to take 10 years off my age. Lie."

"I'm here to complain about the noise."



WEEKLY WORLD NEWS MEDICAL UPDATE:

BARE as a baby • bald on top mostly and full on the bottom. Why can't bearded bachelors merely swap pil tops with their chins to their credit?

BEARD

By MAGGIE DOWD

HOW FAST CAN A Salt Lake City physician has figured out how to manipulate beard hair to the top of the head, giving chronic domes a youthful and sexy look.

NEW COLLEGE FOOD FAD

COLLEGE KIDS used to think it was a big deal to consume gobs of junk food — now they're eating rats!

"Overdosing gobbling is an issue — that's what our parents did when they were in college," says a junior at the University of South Carolina, in Columbia. "But rats are much cooler.

"They really whittle going down."

Nobody knows how, when or where the craze got started, but health officials say reports of college students gobbling sick after they ate rats are trickling in from every state.

Authorities also warn that

CANCER MAN JUST WOULDN'T DIE!

A man who was diagnosed as having terminal cancer went through two years of living hell before he found out his doctor goofed — and there was nothing wrong with him!

"I thought every day was going to be my last," the 47-year-old man from Syracuse, N.Y., was quoted as saying in the Journal of Medical Malpractice.

car before the truth came out. I never did have cancer.

"A nurse finally figured out that my records had gotten mixed up with somebody else's."

The man said he has no plans to sue the physician "because I'm a Christian and suing is against my religion."

New hope for the bald . . .

TRANSPLANTS!

BALD men who don't have a hair on their heads can now get their beards transplanted up there!

"We just take the stubble off their faces and plug it into their scalp — the idea is so simple, it's amazing that nobody thought of it before," says Dr. Paula Remarro, the forward-moving cosmetic surgeon who devised the innovative technique.

"The hair isn't particularly soft or supple but it's certainly better than nothing. Just ask the men who've gotten beard-to-head transplants. They're loving every minute of it."

Hair transplants are nothing new, of course. And the best is, for most men with male pattern baldness, there's plenty of hair on the sides of the head to provide all the plugs and grafts necessary to replace what's missing on top.

But approximately 10 percent of men who go bald lose every hair on their scalp. These chrome-domes had no hope of getting transplants until Remarro of Salt Lake City decided to experiment with grafting hair from different parts of the body.

Her experiments included underarm hair, pubic hair, hair from the back, hair from the chest, hand hair, finger hair, toe hair, top-of-the-foot hair, arm hair, nose hair, ear hair, wart hair, hair that grows from moles, and beard hair.

"It all works," she says, "but in most cases the final result leaves a lot to be desired. Ear hair and nose hair, for example, tend to grow unevenly, with some hairs getting very long very quickly, while other hairs grow an inch or so and stop.

"Underarm hair is just too difficult to style and trim — it really does just lie there, and recipients can't shake the feeling that it needs to be sprayed or polished down with deodorant.

"Leg hair is sparse and can be quite painfully stubbly when short. Pubic hair is downright obscene."

But beard hair, adds the surgeon, "has lots going for it. It tends to grow straight up from the scalp like a 1970s-style 'Afro' haircut, but a lot of men like that — particularly if they've been bald for a long time.

"They feel like it gives them an in-your-face, big-hair look that really makes them feel good about themselves. Aside from that, beard hair is easy to style and trim. And it [illegible]

"Only leg hair comes close."

Roger Williamson, 43, also of Salt Lake City, got what Remarro calls "a full beard transplant" last November.

And he says his life instantly changed for the better.

"Women started looking at me with desire in their eyes — something I haven't experienced in years," he says.

"My boss started treating me with more respect, and even sales clerks and strangers in the street seemed to start going out of their way to say nice things to me and compliment me on my looks.

"But even more important than that is the difference it's made in the way I see myself. I used to avert my eyes when I looked in a mirror. Now I stand there for minutes at a time, combing my hair and admiring my youthful new look.

If you think you are a candidate for beard hair transplants, Remarro suggests you consult cosmetic surgeons and hair transplant specialists in your hometown. The cost is the same as for any other hair transplant, she says — between $2,000 and $10,000, depending on how much "real estate" you have to cover.

"Not everyone is doing the beard transplants yet, but they will be soon," says the surgeon. "This isn't a flash in the pan. It's an idea whose time has come."

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By PETER MUELLER
Correspondent

WORLD'S CRUELEST PSYCHIC IS BACK WITH CELEBRITY PREDICTIONS!

PSYCHIC Peter Moore

– and he's not pulling punches

HUNDREDS of terrified women sue a celebrity sperm bank after they find out pop creep Michael Jackson made regular deposits and may be the father of their babies!

Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney suffers a humiliating setback on live satellite feed TV when false teeth fall out of his mouth during a benefit concert for broke and aging groupies.

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"It's going to be a very bad year for celebrities, which means it's going to be a very good year for those of us who like to see stars cut down to size," crows Peter Moore, America's Cruelest Psychic.

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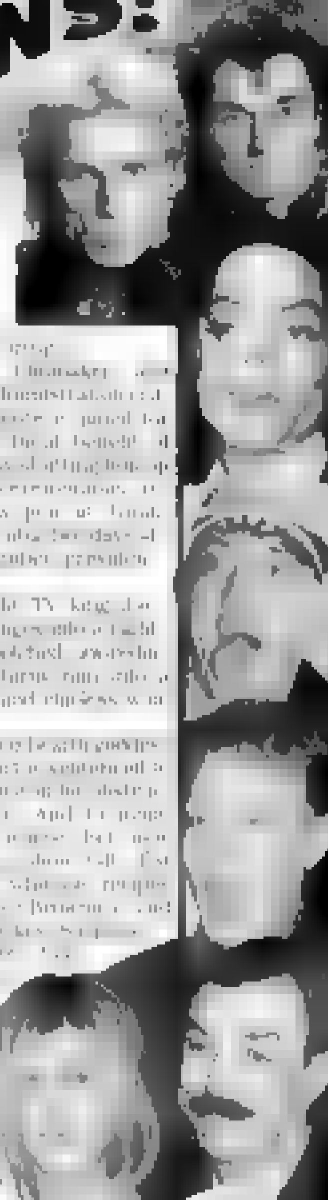
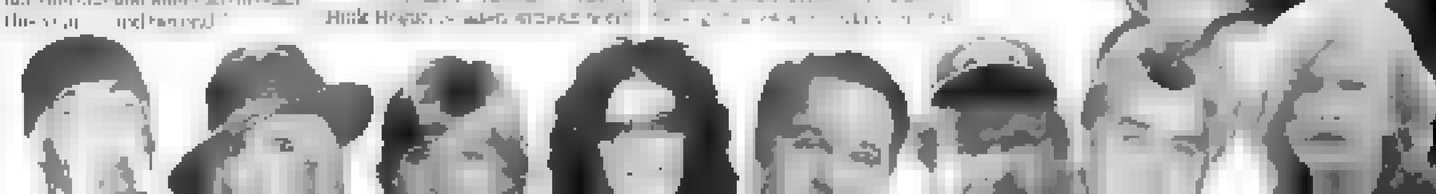
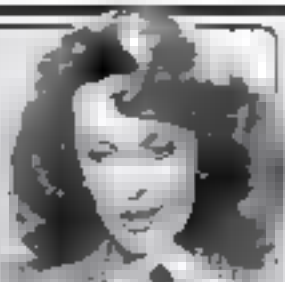




Dear Dotti



AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN IN-YOUR-FACE COLUMNIST

SHE SAYS...

"The reason an ego allows you to just be enough, sometimes it's great to put on makeup and heels and let your hair down . . . sometimes it's lonely coming in home." — Kylie Minogue

VITAL STATISTICS —
Born May 28, 1968, Melbourne, Australia. Height: 5 feet 1 inch. Main Heavenly Hunks: Dylan Kline. Marital status: Engaged to James Gooding

I'd be more than happy to support my kids

...if there weren't [redacted] many of 'em!

DEAR DOTTI: I have three or four kids by my girlfriend and they live with her. I love them and all that but I just don't want to see them all the time. My gal nags me for not helping to pay the bills, and I wouldn't mind helping out, but since I'm not living with her and the kids it wouldn't be right for me to spend all my money on them.

And besides, there are so many of them it's like, man, I make O.K. money in construction but I'm no Rockefeller. How can I get my girlfriend off my back? She must be pregnant again because she's getting more and more insistent that I give her some money. — Pressured in Kansas City

Dear Pressured: Your girlfriend shouldn't be begging you to take responsibility for the kids — she should be taking you for everything you're worth in a court of law. Luckily for you she's an idiot. The bottom line? It'll be her to blame all before I agreed to get hitched: "You're going to do what I say when I say it and you ain't giving me any back talk." Guess men like me understand that this is the way it's supposed to be. The world would be a better place if everybody thought that way. — Smart Man in Atlanta

Dear Man's Man: "Smart man" doesn't do you justice. You are, in fact, the Einstein of idiots. Get lost.

Does kissin' my cousins [redacted] a tramp?

Dear Dotti: I'm a good-looking young woman and all the men in my life know it. Just last week at the family reunion my step-brothers and cousins and even my dad, whom I haven't seen since he and Mom divorced in 1984, fell all over themselves to tell me what a lovely young lady I've become and how "grown up" I am. I really was in the spotlight all day long. It made me feel so proud and so sexy to have all those men fawning over me. I just flirted and acted sexy and I guess some of the other women got jealous because several of them took me aside and told me to "stop acting like a tramp." I was rather upset by this, Dotti, because I'm 17 years old and perfectly capable of deciding when and where to flirt. I don't think it was anybody's business how I was acting. Don't you think I'm right? — Young Lady in Tupelo

Dear Young Lady: Lots of gals flirt at family reunions — especially in the Deep South. And you can tell 'em a mile away because they're the women who just nine months later are lugging around

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Angry Cop in Chimney Rock: Is that a building you're short of, or did somebody throw a match on your brain? Go away.

Dear Dotti's Sister-Cousin in Dallas: I guess I got the "pretty" and you got the . . . well, no, come to think of it, I got the "smarts," too!

Dear Lavender in Forsaketh: "Millions of men" MAY want one of your chattering teeth "love dolls" — but I doubt it!

Dear Shrewd Dude in Durham: So let me get this straight. If I don't reveal your name, James, or your wife's name, Glenda, then she won't know you're cheating with Sally, her sister, and Martha, the preacher's daughter, in case you haven't noticed, dad, so dude!

I'm the king of my castle [redacted] wife [redacted] the servant

Dear Dotti: Every time I turn on the TV some idiot is trying to tell me how women are equal to men. They say women should make the same money. They say women got a bum deal because God picked them to

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

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By KATE VASQUEZ

THE NEXT reality TV megahit will star one of the world's biggest beauties, in a heart-wrenching quest for true love that's sure to keep viewers on the edge of their seats for weeks.

That's the buzz around Hollywood about supermodel Heidi Klum, who insiders say is talking to producers about a new reality show with the working title *Be Mine*.

The show is expected to be a ratings juggernaut for whoever gets it, and Heidi's every move is being watched by TV executives with Nielsen ratings on the brain.

The show will have 20 handsome hunks competing for Heidi's heart, literally. And the lucky guy who wins her will only start her heart, but will also receive the show's grand prize of $1 million bucks.

Nothing's final yet, producers are still shopping the show at the big three networks and at several cable outlets that specialize in TV events. Talks have progressed favorably to this point, and a deal may be in the offing by summer.

This is one of the most exciting concepts to come along in quite some time, and we already know there's potential for huge audiences," says an assistant to one of the programming executives who's trying to bring *Be Mine* to the small screen. "Heidi has come to be known around Hollywood

At least one dating show already on the air has included episodes in which the star pursues a pair of guys and the men are shown responding to what they think is a hunk's (as opposed

ALMOST ANYTHING goes these days on reality TV, where prizes range from $1 million to a dream job with one of the world's most powerful businessmen.

1. Survivor: All-Stars brings back top contestants playing for $1 million, as the series that started the reality trend. **2.** Mark Kennedy thought he was in a whole other reality show than *Joe Schmo*, which played his dreams for laughs — and a $100,000 prize. **3.** Baseball Heidi Coy went after $1 million with a fake engagement to her pick Darren W. Bailey in *My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance*. **4.** Dating looks and a better life are the prizes in *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. **5.** A gang of groupies try to show Donald Trump they have what it takes to work for him, on *The Apprentice*. **6.** The lucky guy looks for true love with a woman who doesn't mind a short engagement, in *The Littlest Groom*.

Tonight on the Web: The pursuit of style I've been hoping with the same time, but I haven't been able to find the right woman to call my [illegible]," says the veteran producer whose TV credits include documentaries and public-affairs specials in New

The one chosen by Tolgshow will receive $1 million

'I'M TV'S NEW BACHELORETTE'

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[illegible] Americans getting fatter and fatter every day. I knew it was only a matter of time until someone else did it.

"When I saw Teighlor on 'Beverly World' I knew I had to meet her."

Teighlor has been one of the world's highest-paid models and not just because of her eye-popping proportions of 60-42-36. She's starred in several feature films and made waves in Hollywood when she dated Sylvester Stallone and her fiancé was one of the few men to whom she decided to take a break from the constant demands of the job.

The fabulous blonde [illegible] had no lack of interest, and even some that Bate found flattering. But Teighlor insisted when she missed Dolly's hints.

"I've had some good men [illegible] and even one of the great ones like most women," Teighlor says. "But I've never hesitated for one split second when there was a man who was more important to me."

She and Dolly each will put up $1 million of their own money to [illegible] the 20 single men competing on the show. The eligible bachelors will be chosen by a panel of experts who are originally turned on by large women. She's not interested in sexuality. Dolly has been her lover on occasion — and unfortunately proved to be impotent after he got [illegible] Teighlor's sure.

All 20 men will attempt to win Teighlor's love by showering her with gifts — or talk that — sincere attempts to lure the big bosom and even bigger heart. They'll be run through a series of increasingly tough challenges to prove their desire for the supersize gem, and in the end two men will remain.

One — chosen by Teighlor on a live-broadcast series finale — will win the $1 million.

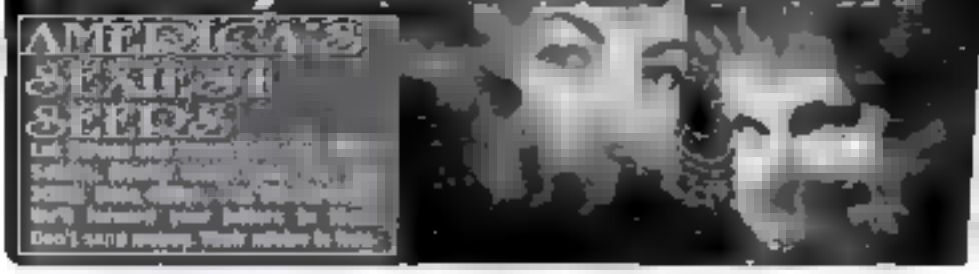
It'll be an enormous challenge. "These guys will have to pull out all the stops to spend a day or a night with a woman like Teighlor," Dolly says. "Some of the contestants are going to be very surprised at how hard they'll [illegible] to win Teighlor's love. She's a warm, kind, sweet woman who also happens to be a total fun — she's got an outrageous sense of humor. I want someone I can be friends with first, and then lovers."

[illegible] "Well, I did say a date," Dolly says. "All I did say is I don't judge [illegible] on something you've never seen or tasted before."

[illegible] Teighlor says she'll be looking for a man who is [illegible] "Most [illegible] Teighlor says. "I'm looking for a man who's intelligent, articulate and thoughtful, and has a good sense of humor. I want someone I can be friends with first, and then lovers."

"I'm going to [illegible] this," I'm going to [illegible] it.

The Psychic Sabak Sisters



CAN YOU TELL IF MY PATIENT IS SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S?

DEAR SERENA: First let me say that I'm a big fan and I read your column every week without fail. Now, here's my problem. I'm a doctor, and I have an elderly patient who seems in many respects to have Alzheimer's disease.

She forgets the names of close friends and relatives, she loses her way in conversations, she often can't remember how to perform simple tasks such as bathing or brushing her teeth, and her personality has changed dramatically. All the signs point to Alzheimer's, but there's this little voice in my head that keeps telling me the real problem is something that's easily treatable — if I can just figure out what it is. Help me, Serena, and help my patient. Give me a second opinion. — MD in New York

Dear MD: Thank goodness for doctors who trust their intuitions and their psychics. As you suspect, your patient doesn't have Alzheimer's — but she does have a BB-sized brain tumor that you've overlooked on her scans. Take a closer look at her left temporal lobe and you'll see what I'm talking about. Remove it and she'll be better in no time.

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Dear Sonya: Why does my mother accuse me of taking drugs? I'm a good girl and I value my health and my self-respect. But she won't believe me and nags and threatens me constantly. Sometimes I cry myself to sleep at night — and I know she's doing the same because she thinks I'm so evil. Why does she think such thoughts? Why does she think I'm a monster? — Good Girl in Boston

Dear Good Girl: My guess is that the nail on the head, chicken with NO hands from. Her geeky brother tell mom he's on him be number one kid. "Drugs went on to advise you to for punish a wiggin tell mom him, put girlie bushe under her bed." That's optional, of course, but I do want you to sit down with your Mom and have a heart to heart talk. I've already alerted you to an energy that will open the lines of communication — and trust — between you.

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Dear Sonya: My girlfriend wants to go to bed with me but I'm trying to save myself for marriage. She says she'll wait if she has to, but that doesn't keep her from pawing at me and begging every night of our life. We're only 18 years old, so it's not like we're going to run out of time. What I need to know from you is whether Marsha really will wait — or if she'll go looking for somebody new. — Virgin in Tonkins

Dear Virgin: Marsha's not blonded, all right — but she'll wait for you, dude, for sure. In fact, peering into my crystal ball, I see the two of you lovin' it up big time — on your honeymoon in 2009!

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Dear Serena: Which one of those stupid kids in the neighborhood threw that dang baseball through my bedroom window? I want the little monster's parents to pay through their teeth. It cost me $145 to get it replaced! — Furious in Birmingham

Dear Furious: If you want reimbursement, forget the neighborhood kids — and talk to your wife. The ball belongs to her. And it WAS an accident.

PERSONAL TO:

Drug dealer in Los Angeles: The reason you're having this run of incredibly bad luck is that your bad karma is finally catching up with you. Either change your ways or prepare for things to get even worse.

Treasure Hunter in Riverton: Sorry to have to tell you this, but you might as well put that shovel away — the buried treasure your Uncle Bernie always used to tell you about was just a story.

Harvey in Anaheim: Yes, you do indeed have tons of musical talent, but you'll have to work hard to attain the success you so rarely crave. I see that a move to Austin, Texas, will be the best way to get your career rolling.

Lovelorn in Jacksonville: Believe me, this man isn't worth pining over. Your real soul mate will enter your life early next year.

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25 Chunk of cash
29 Letters of distress
32 Military force
33 Baseball's Doubleday
35 Postal abbr.
37 "Believe it — Not"
38 Fantastic
39 Grad school degrees (Abbr)
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74 A car, slangily
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163 Scam
164 Reason to yawn
165 Sour cream servings
166 Fix clothes
170 Michael of "Bonanza"
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178 The Dark Continent
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186 Cast a lens
188 Dinner bread
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201 Pitcher Ryan
203 Work out
205 Italian money
207 Parade dropping
208 Countrywide
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211 Corporate bigwig
212 Spanish dish
214 Big boat
218 Foundation
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219 Virtuous one
220 Film speed: — -ma
221 Think about too much
223 Oaris or Sparky
224 Locator word
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228 Texas city (2 wds)
229 Another Texas city
230 Actress Ryan
234 Set to go
236 Actor Hawke
240 "Born Free" lioness
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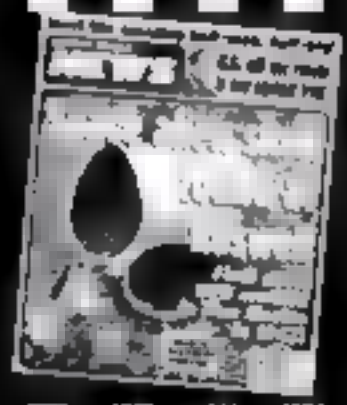

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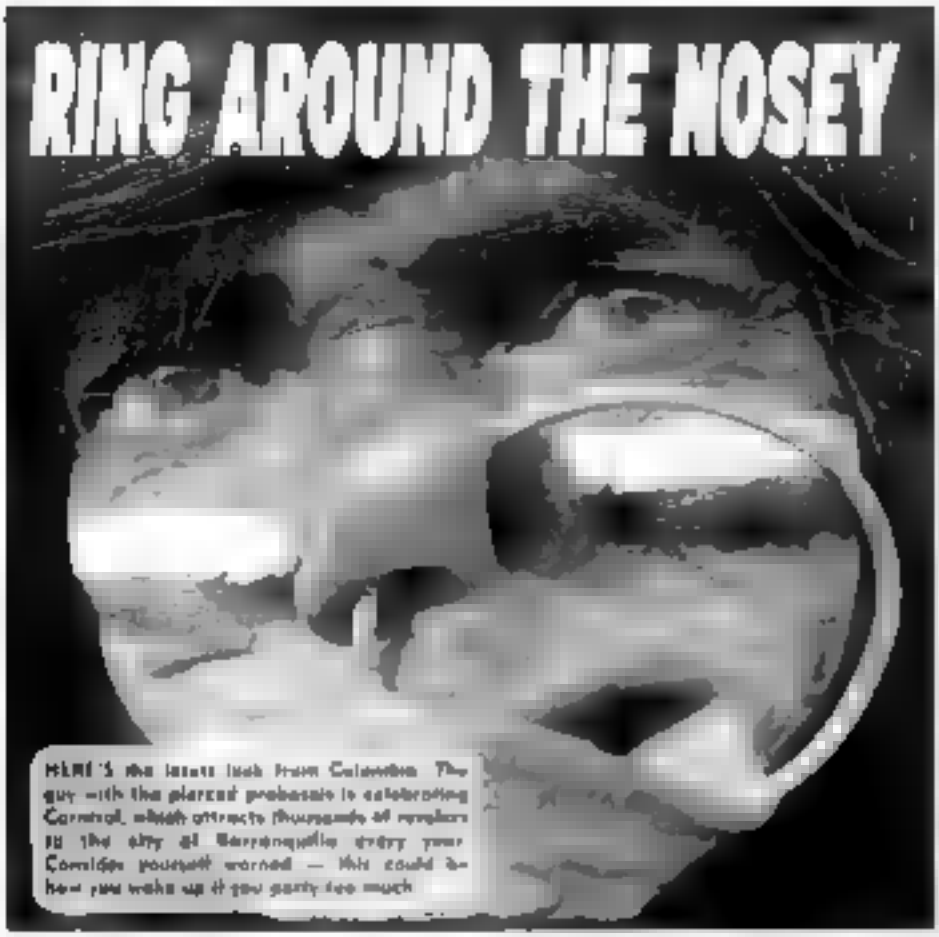
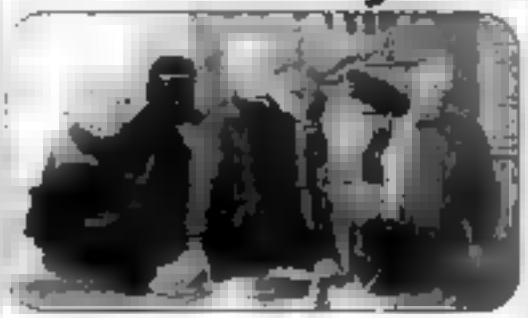


HERE'S the latest look from Colombia. The guy — with the pierced proboscis is celebrating Carnival, which attracts thousands of revelers to the city of Barranquilla every year. Consider yourself warned — this could be how you wake up if you party too much.

Al Qaeda 'rogues' are armed and dangerous



A DANGEROUS rogue organization within Al Qaeda plans to carry out a fresh wave of attacks on innocent Americans, the CIA has learned.

Frustrated that mainstream Al Qaeda leaders like Osama Bin Laden and his immediate underlings have ordered no new terrorist strikes on U.S. soil since 9/11, militant members of the newly emerged splinter group have vowed to take matters into their own capable hands, CIA insiders confirmed recently.

"These guys are really crazy and extremely ruthless — even the regular Al Qaeda folks are scared of them and have for some time been trying without luck to rein them in and control their movements," says a reliable Central Intelligence Agency source.

"They're loose cannons with ultra-extreme views and beliefs in regard to their Jihad.

"To them, Osama Bin Laden has been too timid with his terrorist efforts. There's no telling what they might do, but it's likely to be spectacular."

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HILLBILLY: MY HOUND DOG WILL TRACK DOWN OSAMA!

MOUNTAIN man Bobby Earl Hemstock and his bloodhound, Bessie, will head to Afghanistan to track down Osama.

By MICHAEL FORSYTH

SNAGGLE-TOOTHED, shotgun-toting hillbilly Bobby Earl Hemstock has vowed to track down elusive terror chief Osama Bin Laden — with the help of his faithful hound dog Bessie!

Bessie, the bloodhound is the best tracking dog in the world, according to Bob, proud owner who claims she can sniff out five times more accurately than any police pet record.

"That sort of a man can hide up in any hillbilly he wants, but put Bessie within 3,000 miles of him and she'll run him down like a rope on a possum," says 41-year-old Hemstock, who lives outside Kingsport, Tenn.

"If Bin Laden is on God's Earth," he says, "my Bessie will find him."

Despite recent claims that the U.S. is "closer than ever" to capturing the kill-crazy Al Qaeda mastermind as well as pals like Mullah Omar, CIA and other spies involved in history's most intense manhunt have failed to snare him.

That's been frustrating to ultra-patriotic Hemstock, who decided to join the search after his favorite nephew was wounded in Iraq.

"When my nephew Dalton got ambushed, that was the last straw," Hemstock recalls. "I rubbed Bessie's ears and I said, 'Well, looks like it's up to you old hoss, girl.'"

While it may sound like Hemstock's been chugging a little too much moonshine, patches are already playing a vital role in the war on terror. Dogs are being used in airports to sniff out explosives, even bombs that a typical bloodhound's sense of smell is one million times more acute than a human's, but Bessie's 5 million times more acute.

"Bessie sometimes licked me," Jessie and did the trick," Hemstock says. "Shoot, Bessie can tell when a mouse squirt. She's another kind of hound in the world who can do that."

Dr. Arnie Goodwood, a university professor who studies veterinary medicine, pronounced the stats.

"A dog's olfactory bulb is used can detect one ounce of contaminant dissolved in a sealed room containing 31 cubic miles of air," explained Dr. Goodwood. "Bessie could detect the chemicals in 100 cubic miles of air."

Bessie's ability to sniff out terrorists is so remarkable, law enforcement officials in Afghanistan have already agreed to let her join the search.

- Located a missing 3-year-old girl who wandered off from a campground.
- Helped to capture an escaped convict, although he'd crossed three dog-free county streams.
- Tracked a murderer down after sniffing a corpse in the woods even though the body had been there for more than a week.

Hemstock has also received permission from the Iraqi Governing Council to bring Bessie to Iraq to help track down Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay, who are also on the U.S. most wanted list.

He says all Bessie will need is an article of clothing worn by the Al Qaeda honcho — anything from a turban to body drawers.

He expects U.S. authorities in possession of such a garment will willingly turn it over to him.

"I figure they've tried everything else," he says. "Why not let Bessie have a crack at it?"

WEB SEARCH TURNS BLIND DATE INTO BUST!

A GUY'S upcoming blind date went bust when the woman checked his name on the Internet, found he was a wanted fugitive and had him arrested!

The smart cookie apparently had been identified did her homework after agreeing to meet Earnawn Pettus Brown at an Applebee's restaurant on Long Island, N.Y.

A quick background check using the popular Internet search engine [illegible] revealed that Brown was an FBI warrant out for [illegible] would be [illegible] attempt [illegible] charges of [illegible]

When [illegible] Brown arrived at the restaurant, he was [illegible] by FBI agents who [illegible] him.

[illegible] Brown was [illegible] on the run for [illegible] before [illegible] Brown [illegible] the [illegible] blind date.

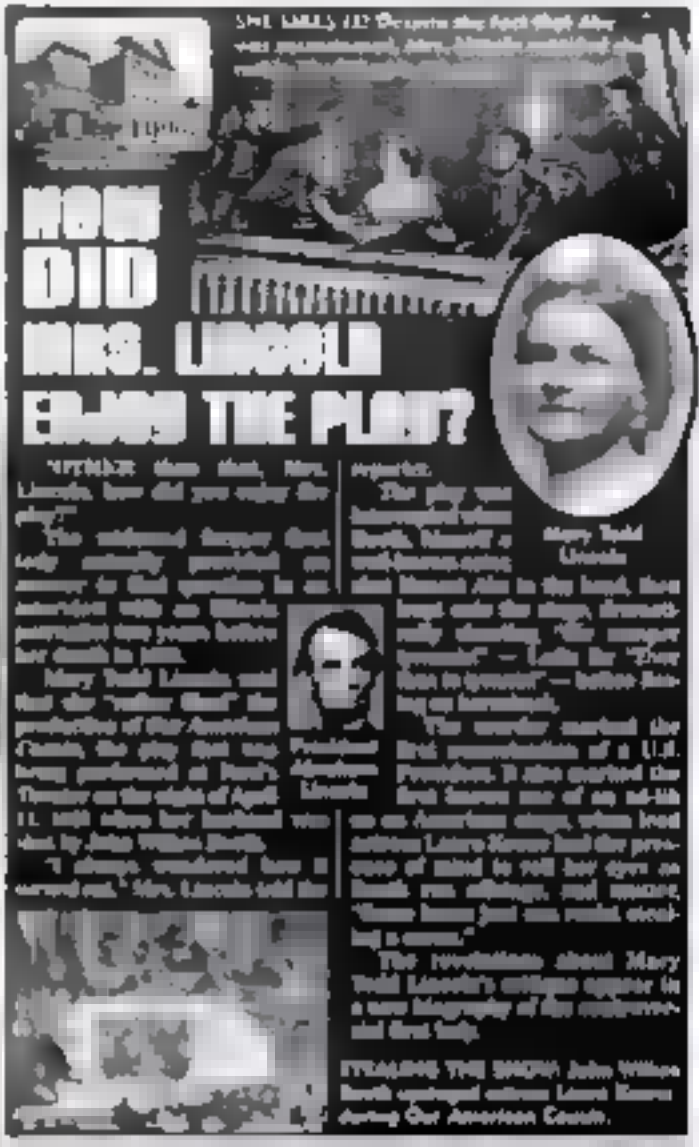
Pettus Brown was [illegible] and is expected to be extradited to Washington state, according to the Web site www.ap.org.com

WOMAN, 79 DIES IN MEATLOAF EXPLOSION!

The last thing 79-year-old Helga Kruger ate before the "meat home to Jesus" was the homemade meat loaf that mysteriously exploded — and then nearly blew her head off.

"She never knew what hit her," said a cop in Frankfurt, Germany, where investigators are still trying to find out what caused the meat to blow up with such force that it snapped the old woman's neck, killing her instantly.

A relative said, "She was a wonderful Christian woman but she never did learn how to cook. At least I know she went home to Jesus. And she'll be eating better for sure."



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

Solution for this week's crossword puzzle on Page 29

DEVIL'S TRIANGLE TURNS FLAT-CHESTED SAILOR INTO 55DD STUNNER!

CINDY GAREL entered the Devil's Triangle a 32A and came out a 55DD. "It's a miracle!" says Garel, who vows to use her new breasts well

FLAT-CHESTED beauty student Cindy Garel claims to have sprouted 55DD miracle hooters — bang, just like that — while sailing through a mystery cloud in the Devil's Triangle.

And the formerly flat-bum bikini-clad wanna-be says she couldn't be happier, because even though the gorgeous buxomness "are a handful," she prayed for something like this to happen all my life."

"I knew the Devil's Triangle was a strange place where ships and planes disappear, but I never expected anything like this to happen in a million years," says the unlikely sassy 21-year-old woman.

Her boyfriend, college student John Gunderman, says he's "thankful a lot, too."

Garel, he explains, "was a sweet lady but nothing special, up top" until the two of them decided to rent a speedboat and zip over to the Bahamas, through the heart of the Triangle, during spring break.

Just 45 minutes after they rented the boat and set a course for the holiday trip, Garel noticed floating fore and eastward was in the calm but strangely ominous waters ahead of them.

And just beyond that, she recalls, "was a big dark cloud. But it wasn't in the sky. It was hovering right over the water. And it sparkled like it had glittery in it, or little blinking Christmas lights.

"I told John to steer away from it, and he tried to. But when he turned left, the cloud moved to our left. When he turned to the right, it moved with us.

"It was like it had a mind of its own.

"It started moving toward us until we were completely inside of it," she continues. "And it seemed like the energy — the coolest energy.

"And then, poof, there it was, gone in a flash. And then, all of a sudden, my breasts started getting bigger and bigger. They immediately were pressing down on me with all. There my bikini top just popped right off.

"I looked at John and he was just, like, stunned. I remember him saying real slowly, 'Cindy, your breasts are enormous.'

"Then we both just sank down in the deck of the boat and stared at them."

When they snapped out of their stunned trance — and the shock wore off — Garel and John headed back to shore.

"I started yelling and screaming, 'Oh my God! Oh my God! John — look. I've got big boobs! I've got big boobs! Oh my God! They're huge! It's a miracle!'" recalls Garel.

"We laughed and I kissed me and pinched me lightly a couple of times to make sure my breasts were real and I wasn't dreaming. I was so excited. I was so happy.

"There he checked inside his shirt to see if anything good had happened to him, too.

Gunderman says he was so distracted by all the drama of the Devil's Triangle that he failed to notice the change in his girlfriend's bra size.

Garel's new breasts are still the talk of conversation — and her doctor says she is — but eight weeks of unusual dieting, a strict workout regimen and adjustable bikini.

The physician says she can't explain what caused Garel's breasts to phenomenally grow to a size seldom seen outside the shower stall of a strip joint or onstage at a burlesque show.

But she confirms that they are both healthy and completely natural, with no surgical intervention.

The last part, Garel plans to make good use of her new breasts "from now on."

"I'm going to the pool or beach every day until the tanning area," she says. "I'm going to wear my bikini tops to work and I'm going to show off my boobs for the whole world to see," she gushes.

"I'm really, really grateful for what happened out there," she adds. "The Devil's Triangle might kill ships and make airplanes crash, but it was awfully good to me."

— By KENT WESTMORE

BERMUDA FACTS

- Bermuda may be haunted! More than 20 people have vanished without a trace. Legend says the ghostly harbinger may be one of the original inhabitants, whose heart is buried in its sands.
- Bermuda consists of about 150 islands, but only 20 are inhabited.
- The islands were formed by volcanic rock that is topped by coral formations.
- The islands have no rivers, lakes or fresh water wells, so citizens have to depend on rain water.
- Bermuda has the world's highest personal income, except for the Middle Eastern oil kingdoms.

CRISIS IN AMERICA

By KITTY FINE/Correspondent

SIDESHOWS RUNNING OUT OF FREAKS!

FAT DOT and Living Skeleton are shown here in the 1930s, when the carnival was in its heyday.

CARNIVAL sideshows are suffering a crisis that threatens to destroy one of America's most beloved institutions: They are running out of freaks!

And industry analysts blame cosmetic surgeons, beauty salons and antidiscrimination laws for cutting into the supply of Siamese twins, bearded ladies, hermaphrodites and other misshapen and misbegotten outcasts.

"It used to be that the traveling freak show was the only refuge for these pitiful souls, whose deformities once caused them to be cruelly tossed out of normal society," says Maury Sefkrat, vice president of the Carnivals Division of the U.S. Association of Amusement Providers. "The sideshow enabled the freak to be self-supporting and, more importantly, offered shelter from the cruel taunts and abuses of the outside world."

But the last few years have seen a sharp decline in the number of freaks working in sideshows, he says.

Surgeons are separating Siamese twins, removing extra limbs, and whittling immensely fat people down to normal size with stomach-stapling procedures. Bearded women and doc-[illegible]

[illegible]

But thanks to laws protecting the disabled from discrimination, [illegible]

Sefkrat says the growth [illegible]

[illegible]

Sefkrat says the number of [illegible]

[illegible]

The situation is even more urgent as today's freak show performers die off or retire.

Where Sefkrat [illegible]

ADVANCES in medical science mean that Siamese twins, once destined to live [illegible]

[illegible]

Fortunately, Gandini says he still [illegible]

Sometimes the geeks actually [illegible] They don't have anything to feel guilty about.

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

- It takes 175 people to assemble the approximately 380 tons of equipment for a show by the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus — "The Greatest Show on Earth."
- In 1914, the word "geek" originally referred to a person in a circus sideshow who would bite the heads off chickens or snakes.
- P.T. Barnum created a spectacle when he hitched an elephant to a plow beside the train tracks to announce that his circus had come to town. As a result, Barnum attracted many customers and the

DEAD OR ALIVE?

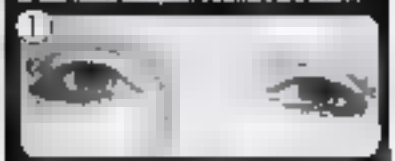
These stars looked up as an ocean adventure that had us rooting but now they're a bunch of landlubbers again. Who's living and who's dead in Dory Jones' Locker? (Answers below.)

This was an undeniably fish story, but one of the scariest movies ever to hit the screen — at least, that's how people felt when it ripped across the screen in 1975. Based on a best-selling novel by Peter Benchley, Jaws is the story of a pretty little Cape Cod village threatened by a series of killings by a Great White Shark roaming offshore, and the mismatched crew of hunters who go after the beast. The movie turned the lead cast members into stars and made the career of its young upstart director. From left: Robert Shaw (old-salt boat captain QUINT), Roy Schneider (uncertain Police Chief MARTIN BRODY), director Steven Spielberg and Richard Dreyfuss (swaggering shark expert MATT HOOPER). Not seen: Bruss, the mechanical contraption that was the shark.

Robert Shaw died of a heart attack in August 1978 at age 51. Roy Scheider, who starred in one of the three sequels, is 77. Steven Spielberg is 57. Richard Dreyfuss is 56.

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of three girls and two guys whose eyes give them a distinctive look. These famous folks have some very FLOWERY NAMES — can you pick them out of this visual bouquet? Answers are below.

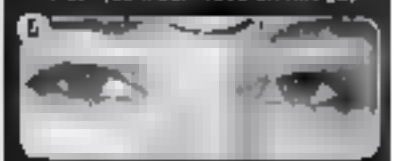


She might have been First Galpal.

Pirate life hasn't been a curse for him.

Charmed, we're sure!

We bet you'll bet 1000 on this guy.



She always does her best in the show.

WORD AND NAMES
1) Gwyneth Paltrow
2) Orlando Bloom
3) Keira Knightley
4) Will Smith
5) Tobey Maguire

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED!

(From Page 17)

Card No. 3: 7 of Cups
SELF-DIRECTION

Love: It's time to take control in this area and find your own heart's desire. Stop settling for "good enough," and go for what you really want. You could just get it.

Money: An investment opportunity will come your way. It will entail great risk but could also pay off big. Consider it, but don't accept the first offer.

Health: You have lots of questions for your doctor, but may be feeling shy about asking them. Speak up — she won't object, and you'll feel better.

Card No. 5: 2 of Swords
DANGER AHEAD

Love: You'll be tempted by an alluring stranger who seems to offer everything you've been seeking. Be careful: You may be nothing but a brief fling for this person.

Money: The stock market's been like a roller coaster, and your financial advisors could be taking you for a ride. Keep an eye on them.

Health: Alternative medical treatments such as acupuncture can really help you, but some of their claims are pure quackery. Don't fall for them.

Card No. 1: Hierophant
CHALLENGES

Love: Couples will find their relationship tested by outside forces, but may also find themselves strengthened by the end. Singles should not accept any blind dates this week.

Money: Your budget skills will soon be put to the test. Plan carefully and avoid splurging on extra expenses to start building an emergency cushion.

Health: A minor illness threatens to sap much of your strength. Review your diet and talk to your doctor about vitamins and other supplements.

Card No. 2: 8 of Coins
TIME TO SHINE

Love: A romantic getaway to a place you've never been, even for just a few hours, will save the honeymoon in your relationship. Singles, make an extra effort to expand your circle.

Money: Recognition at work may be stealing your because you're reluctant to toot your own horn. Make sure your boss knows how well you're performing.

Health: Adding some color to your outfit this week will lift your spirits, and may win you some attention. Treat yourself to

Card No. 4: 7 of Wands
GREAT BURDENS

Love: Your partner has some troubling news to share but is worried about opening up. Be ready to listen. Singles, your friends are waiting for you to start hanging on them for help.

Money: Make sure all warranties and insurance policies are current and paid up. An unexpected repair to your home or car could hurt your budget.

Health: Anxiety from uncertainties in your life can weigh you down and even cause physical problems. Seek out a trusted

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DEAD ZOMBIE HOOKERS STILL SELL SEX!

By JANE MARX
Correspondent

FORCED into prostitution by voodoo pimps, the zombie hookers lure men from dark alleys of major cities.

Nightstalkers feed on the flesh of sex-hungry johns!

YOU'D look twice at the next come-on from some dark alley — she may be a zombie!

Vice cops say the streetwalking dead are showing up in many cities, including Chicago and Miami. They warn that trafficking with the ladies of the night is not for the faint of heart or stomach.

"They work in darkness, so rarely fit shape. From a distance they look just as hot and sexy as any human whore," says a police officer in Miami, which has been plagued with zombies smuggled from nearby Haiti. "By the time the johns gets close enough to see their ripped, rotting flesh, it's too late.

"A surprising number of men actually take this, especially if they get to know this type of woman. Back in Haiti, a man you've had a zombie hooker don't never go back to the living."

"The good guys I know wouldn't be caught dead with the undead — and whether you like those ghoulish girls or not, you deserve to know what you're getting into."

Reports on Haiti say ordinary women of the island nation are being forced into zombie prostitution by voodoo priests, who create and abuse the "lovers of organized crime — just as they turn other men and women into mindless field workers or homeless help. Many of the zombie women are being smuggled into the U.S. to ply their perverted trade here.

But lawmen say unfortunate American hookers now are also falling under voodoo spells. "It appears that some pimps are learning voodoo to keep the girls from quitting," says a Chicago vice cop.

Immigration officials say it's difficult to deport the illegal-alien zombies back to the Third World island. "Most of them don't seem to have [illegible] citizens," says a New York City immigration official. "If we catch a zombie and a john in the act, of course we'll do our duty. But if it's just a zombie hanging out on a street corner walking turn, we'll look the other way as long as she moves along."

A Miami cop disagrees: "It's not that we're scared. I just feel sorry for the girls, and I don't want to add to their troubles. None of them really want to do this, but they have no choice."

Their clients don't seem to have [illegible]

A Miami businessman who says he was hired to a zombie hooker's stag party and found himself paying the undead harlot for strange sexual acts. "When I came to my senses she was gone, but there was a putrid smell in the air — like rotting flesh.

"I feel pretty lousy about the

Tiger woman sparks a riot

CHAOS resulting in a riot in which 50 people were arrested erupted in Iran, following reports of a half-woman, half-tigress afoot in the land.

The trouble began when rumors surfaced that the striped, tiger-headed lady was going to be hanged in the city of Qom, the clerical capital of the ultra-orthodox Islamic state.

A huge crowd gathered at the city square to witness the spectacle, according to the *Jomhuri-Eslami* newspaper. But people were blocked by police who claimed the rumors were unfounded and ordered them to disperse. Unconvinced, irate citizens demanded that cops produce the tiger woman — and when that failed to occur, all hell broke lose.

The word on the street was that the woman had been normal until she insulted religious values during the fasting month of Ramadan. As divine punishment, in accordance with folklore, the sinner's head was turned into that of a wild animal.

"Drawings of the woman with the head of a tigress were even distributed in the city, especially in schools," a local journalist told western reporters.

AND THAT'S A WRAP!

WE THOUGHT someone was monkeying around with us, but this is an actual mummified monkey from ancient Egypt. It turns out they didn't just wrap up their dead people back then — they also turned their pets into mummies so they could take them into the next world. It's nice to know pets are allowed in the ...

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Archaeologist tells of nightmare in the Gobi . . .

'I WAS ENSLAVED BY BARBARIAN BIMBOS'

DR. ANTHONY PINE was studying the remains of an ancient Buddhist temple in the remote Gobi Desert on the Manchurian border when mounted female Mongol raiders swept into his camp. Pine's brother archaeologists, both of them old men, were killed by the barbarians — but Pine, 33, was captured alive. For the next three years he was a slave of the women and had to trek across great reaches of the Gobi, led by a rope behind a horse. Pine was made to work and he says the women treated their dogs better than him. Finally he was freed by Chinese border police.

"This can't be happening to me. It must be a dream. Dear God in Heaven, please — let this be a dream!"

That's all I could think when a band of [illegible] Mongol she-devils on horseback came [illegible] over our encampment, hacking off the heads of my colleagues with flashing swords and scooping me up in less time than it takes me to tell you about it.

Just minutes earlier, we had been [illegible] our search for relics in the remains of a [illegible] century Buddhist temple [illegible].

Now that seemed a distant, faded memory. [illegible] your best friends [illegible] in cold blood will do that, especially when you're [illegible] over a [illegible] horse with [illegible] — [illegible] great granddaughter — pushing a dagger against your throat and hissing in Chinese, "Don't move, white man. I'll kill you!"

You try to [illegible] the [illegible]. You want to think critically. You want to make the nightmare stop.

But the only thing you can do is beg God to keep you alive long enough to get you out of the mess.

Maybe [illegible] minutes, maybe an hour. All I know is that as soon as I smelled campfire smoke, our horse pulled up fast and [illegible] to a stop.

[illegible] and pushed me [illegible] her horse and just [illegible] the [illegible] me [illegible] to a stake. "Sweet Jesus," I thought. "These barbarians are going to burn me alive."

[illegible]

These women were [illegible] that is when [illegible] another [illegible]. When they [illegible] and I [illegible].

When we camped at night they kept me [illegible] while they slept. During the day when we traveled, they roped me to a horse, [illegible] her hand like a child who was prone to wandering off.

Or a dog.

But the [illegible] they treated their dogs better than they treated me. [illegible] dogs got [illegible] meat [illegible] and then [illegible] patted them on the head.

I got no thanks for grooming their horses, raising their tents, [illegible] their firewood and digging their latrines. I also tended the sick. I [illegible] up their [illegible] and I [illegible].

On [illegible] one of these women wanted sex, I [illegible]. But it wasn't fun, and it wasn't [illegible] because [illegible].

I also was there to abuse. I've got [illegible] permanently dislocated jaw, burst ear drum and scars on my back to prove it.

"Why don't you [illegible] and get it over with?" That's what I asked Xi-

SADISTIC SLUTS kept Dr. Anthony Pine captive in this yurt, a tent used by Mongolian people. He was their slave for three agonizing years.

She spat at me and said, "You think the [illegible]."

[illegible] as beautiful as she was cruel. [illegible] I saw her order the execution of [illegible] had a [illegible] and [illegible] dropped a [illegible].

I [illegible] her [illegible] my death [illegible] times [illegible] that she [illegible].

Time passed [illegible] for no other reason than I was [illegible] hard [illegible] and [illegible] as often [illegible] like the [illegible] and [illegible] them [illegible].

But what I [illegible] more than any [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible].

The [illegible] will [illegible] late and [illegible] roads in the desert. I was guessing I [illegible].

The morning I awakened to the [illegible] I'll never forget. Chinese border police [illegible] Xi-[illegible] down on the sand — at rifle point — and it was obvious they had [illegible] for me.

It had taken [illegible] years [illegible] to find the [illegible] relatives [illegible] the message. But I wasn't angry. I've never been so happy to see a badge.

[illegible] they fired rifles into the air — a signal for Xi-[illegible] and her women to get the hell out of there. I asked why they weren't arrested, and the border police just laughed. They had an "arrangement." I was told by a [illegible] as he [illegible] his pants.

Two days later I was in Beijing. Three days after that, Los Angeles. But as [illegible] as I [illegible], I couldn't help but [illegible] those Mongol women are

World's youngest pilot makes a boo-boo

THE world's youngest pilot and his father died when the kid got excited over a flock of birds, **peed in his pants, lost control of his single-engine airplane — and crashed.**

"The last thing we heard over the radio was his father screaming at him to 'forget the birds' and pull out of the dive," an air traffic controller told reporters in Brisbane, Australia.

"We heard the boy shouting back, 'I can't, Daddy. I wet my pants. It's yucky.' Then everything went silent."

Roger Berman, 4, a certified genius with total recall, learned flying right moments he found in a public library and then taking a pilot's training course for hands-on experience.

His father, Phillip, 29, knew nothing about flying, but always accompanied the boy on his flights.

Both were killed instantly in the shocking crash. The world's second youngest pilot, 7-year-old Jesus Rodrigues of Mexico City, has moved up a notch to become the world's youngest pilot in the wake of Roger's death.

Surgeons cash out after . . .

MAN SWALLOWS 220 COINS TO WIN BET

A **BONEHEADED** bar patron swallowed 220 coins to win a bet — and, not surprisingly, the stupid stunt landed him in the hospital.

Gigi Florin, 37, washed down the money with red wine after making the wager with a drinking buddy in a bar in Piatra-Neamt, Romania.

Foolish Florin assured fellow customers that the wine would relax his stomach and the coins would pass through his body without doing any harm.

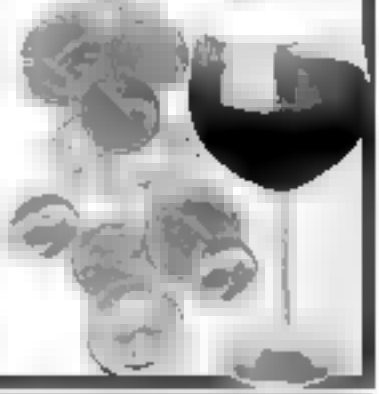
But moments after swallowing the 220th coin, the man keeled over, groaning, and the worried bartender called an ambulance.

Florin was rushed to a hospital where stunned doctors had to surgically remove the dough.

"When we X-rayed him we found a large pile of coins in his stomach," Dr. Mircy Cioaba told reporters. "He was like a walking piggy bank and we operated on him immediately."

Incredibly despite money-hungry Florin's remarkable feat, he lost the bet — his opponent swallowed 330 coins weighing more than 12 pounds.

Unfortunately, the winner wasn't able to collect on the bet. The 43-year-old Frenchman died after doctors' efforts to save his life with stomach surgery failed.



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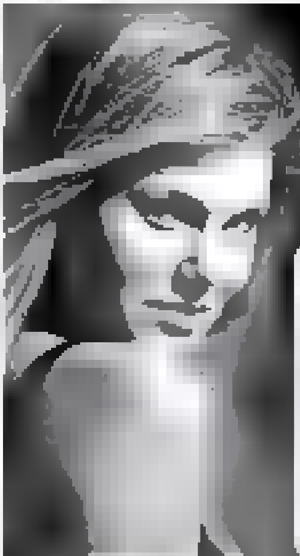
Girl 'nose' she had a problem

A 22-YEAR-OLD Miami woman **spurned** nursing for eight hellish months and even **considered killing herself** before her doctor figured out she was allergic to the metal stud she liked to wear in her nose. *The New England Journal of Medicine* reports.

THEY'RE HISS-TORY . . .

TERRIFIC TOTS were reported missing from an orphanage in Calcutta, India, after nurses found a 25-foot python wrapped around a



YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

April 5 – April 11

BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

The chance for a great new life could be offered to you. Keep your eye out for it, but don't jump helter-skelter without good advice.

It's time to take a good look at yourself. Is it a pretty sight? Are you in control of your life and finances? If the answers are "no," do something about it.

Someone helpful will turn out to be a double-dealer. Be prepared for it.

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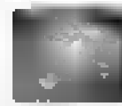


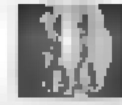
Apr. 20 – May 20

Watch out for minor health problems this week — you need to take care of yourself before some serious health issues arise.

Someone who admires you needs a warm shoulder to cry on and a dose of sincere advice. Remember to be a good listener.

Your money instincts are right on target. Invest or play the lottery.

GEMINI



May 21 – June 20

You have many things to do this week, but just can't seem to find the time. Get organized or get help before too much time slips by.

Your luck is about to improve dramatically. Give your partner some credit.

A friend is looking for a shoulder to cry on and you would be wise to steer clear. It will only lead to more grief if you get involved.

CANCER

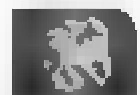
June 21 – July 22

Someone will try to lead you astray this week. Use common sense and stay off the line a little, but not too far. The color green figures in your fortunes.

Use extra caution when it comes to travel plans in the week ahead. Postpone trips if at all possible.

Someone with an "A," "T" or "O" in their name will be the bearer of good news. Celebrate accordingly.

LEO



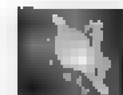
July 23 – Aug. 22

Get your chores out of the way as early as possible this week so you'll be free for a surprise invitation this weekend.

Children play key roles. Treat them as much like adults as possible and you'll find that they can be most accommodating.

Travel can be extremely rewarding this week. Even if it is only across town to see an old friend, do it!

VIRGO



Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

You'll have to hustle to take full advantage of the luck coming your way this week. Enter all the contests and sweepstakes you can.

You're in good financial shape now — so why not live a little? Some new clothes and a night on the town would do wonders for your outlook.

The numbers 2, 17 and 36 may lead to some good fortune, so pay attention.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

You know what you should do with your life, so steer clear of well-meaning fools and potential con artists and press ahead with your plans, however odd they may seem.

A friend with a money problem will appeal to your sympathy and generosity. Be cautious. A romantic involvement is going to take a U-turn. Spend the weekend thinking things through.

SCORPIO

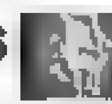
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Travel and the possibility of extra money will be among the exciting opportunities available to you this week. How you react could determine your future happiness.

Keep plugging away at your life and you will achieve the success you strive for.

Someone with love in his eyes is glancing your way. Use your charm. Don't be afraid to flirt.

SAGITTARIUS



Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Go out and have a little fun this week. Meeting some new people should help dispel the depression that's been creeping up on you.

The color blue is lucky for you. Wear it often and pay attention to those who do.

A Sagittarian has just spilled the beans to someone you love. Don't wait until you're confronted. You need to do damage control now.

CAPRICORN

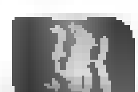
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Looking good has been fine up to now for your marriage — but this week you'll have to look even better. If you're single, wearing a splash of red or some white will help attract someone you admire.

You inspire tremendous loyalty in your friends and can lead note in confiding in them and asking for help.

Expect a message with the promise of money.

AQUARIUS



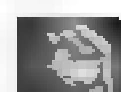
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

You're in for a big surprise this week if you don't stop playing the fool around the one you love. You're loved, but your bad habits aren't, so lose it.

The numbers 5 and 9 could be lucky or unlucky for you this month. They will touch your life whether for good or bad.

A photo of you taken many years ago will cause some embarrassment.

PISCES



Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Good luck is on its way this week but you'll have to take full advantage of it.

Don't be afraid to take calculated risks. They can pay off big-time.

A troubled friend or family member needs your advice and lots of it. Don't wait to give your opinion — or it will be too late to do any good.

Avoid animals and children who don't take an immediate shine to you.

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

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VIRGO	[illegible], 44
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SCORPIO	[illegible], 37
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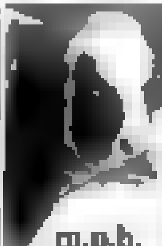

You can get five [illegible]

HOT WHEELS toy cars have been clocked at speeds of up to 300 m.p.h. The back panel of a shoe is called its counter. About 25 million of the 40 million pet dogs in the U.S. can do at least one trick — mostly sitting and shaking paws.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park got about 10 million visitors in 1998 — twice as many as went to the Grand Canyon.
- The last movie of the silent era was *The Four Feathers*, released in 1929.
- Word of the week: Chinwag — to chat or gossip.
- Ten percent of frequent fliers say they don't check luggage on airplanes.
- If you add up all the time you're likely to spend on line on a computer throughout your life it amounts to almost two [illegible]
- [illegible] singer Lesley Gore was just 17 when her record "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To" hit No. 1 on the Billboard chart on June 1, 1963.
- Famed naturalist John James Audubon went broke several times and was tossed in debtor's prison in 1819 and was [illegible] ruptcy. He decided to forget business and start doing [illegible] he loved: Painting [illegible]. He finally made his [illegible] with his 1838 book, *Birds of America*, which is still a classic.
- Halley's Comet appeared in the sky just before William the Conqueror invaded England in 1066. His victory made him think the comet [illegible] a good omen.
- Diamonds were worn only by men until 1477, when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave one to Mary of Burgundy as a token of love.
- Ocean scientist Jacques-Yves Cousteau invented the aqualung, which later became the underwater breathing device used by scuba divers [illegible] French [illegible] during World War II.
- The first camera for [illegible] was the Brownie, introduced by Eastman Kodak in 1900. (Cost $1.)
- California has both the lowest and highest points in the [illegible] U.S. The lowest point is Death Valley at 282 feet below sea level. The highest is Mt. Whitney, 14,495 feet above sea level — which is dwarfed by Alaska's Mt. McKinley, rising to 20,320 feet.
- Blue-chip stocks, the best stocks in the financial world, get that name from the game of poker, in which blue chips are more valuable than red or white ones.
- Scientists have identified 100 different sleep disorders, but the most common one is suffered by people who just cut their own sleep time because they think they're too busy.
- The average person takes in about a ton of food and drink each year.
- Vampire bats must suck about two [illegible]

Grilling experts say a cut of beef should be at least one inch thick or it'll dry out when it's grilled or broiled.

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tablespoons of plasma each day, and can clump up their blood in about 10 minutes.

■ Only eight men were killed during the Battle of Lexington — in America's Revolutionary War.

■ Nine U.S. states have a city named Paris: Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

■ Karl Marx, father of communism, was never in Russia in his life. Marx was born in Germany. He moved to France and then England, where he wrote *The Communist Manifesto* and other famous works.

■ English was not the mother tongue of Queen Victoria. Her mother, the daughter of a German duke, spoke German in the home and Victoria — though she ruled England for 63 years — was never able to speak English perfectly.

Egypt's last queen Cleopatra — wasn't Egyptian, but was part Macedonian, part Greek and part Iranian

PLAY BALL!

Major League Baseball officially opens its 2004 season on April 4. Here are some stats on the Great American Pastime:

■ Abner Doubleday is often credited with inventing baseball, but most experts now say the game really began as a variation of the English schoolyard game Rounders. The Doubleday myth was created in 1908 by a baseball history commission led by Al Spalding, a major league pitcher who founded the Spalding sporting-goods empire. The commission set out to give American roots to the game he loved, so the commission came up with the story that Doubleday, a Civil War hero, had created it.

■ Pro baseball once was only the National League. Formed in 1876, it had eight cities represented: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville and Hartford.

■ The American League began in 1901 with eight cities: Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Washington.

■ The first ballpark in what might be called the Major Eras was Crosley Field in Cincinnati, on June 24, 1912. President Franklin D. Roosevelt would throw out the first ball at a ceremony in Washington. The home team, Cincinnati, took the Philadelphia Phillies in the game, 2 to 1.

■ Babe Ruth hit the first of 714 career home runs on May 6, 1915, for the Boston Red Sox. The record stood until 1974, when Hank Aaron connected with the Atlanta Braves. Aaron went on to clout a total 755 career home runs, a record that still stands.

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PONY EXPRESS LETTER ARRIVES – 144 YEARS LATE!

By TED CANNADY
Correspondent

Moth-eaten message is yellow and crumbly – but still legible

READING the ancient love note brings tears of joy to Mary Kelmer, who says it's more than just a letter — it's her roots.

THE fastest letter ever delivered by the Pony Express took seven days and 17 hours to make the company's start-to-finish trip from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., 2,000 miles away.

The slowest took 144 years — it arrived just days ago!

"It's bizarre but I'm thrilled to have it," says Mary Kelmer, 27, of St. Joseph.

"The letter is yellowed and a little crumbly but it's still legible and tells a wonderful story.

"My great-great-great-grandfather sent it to my great-great-grandmother while he was in Sacramento on business, and she was still back in St. Joseph waiting for him to return.

"It's very touching — I actually wept while reading it. Now if I can just find out where it's been all this time, a very strange mystery will be solved.

"All I can tell you is that I found it at my doorstep early one morning when I stepped outside to get my morning paper. It was almost as if whoever put it there didn't think it was all that special.

"The wind could have blown it away, or the rat might have gotten to it before I did. Fortunately, it was in a plastic bag, which protected it from the elements."

Kelmer was intrigued by the lost-and-found letter that attorney Alexander Jeremiah Kelmer posted to wife Abigail Elizabeth on April 17, 1861 — a letter he might reasonably have expected to arrive well before the end of the month . . . that same year.

A Pony Express historian says the two-page message — which bears authentic Pony Express fees and acceptance stamps — may provide important insights into the service that failed as a business but still captures the imaginations of Americans everywhere.

"We've all heard of the U.S. Postal Service delivering postcards and letters from the 1940s and 1950s but this goes way beyond that," explains historian Phil Markins, of Sacramento.

"The postal service has been in continuous operation all these years and still uses many of the buildings and facilities that accepted mail 40 and 50 years ago. So it's not hard to imagine a letter that was shoved behind a filing cabinet in 1951 might turn up today if those boxes are moved.

"But the Pony Express is different. It had nothing to do with the postal service — and it lasted for only a couple of years, from April of 1860 to October of 1861.

"That means this letter has been — well, where HAS it been?"

"And who in the world delivered it? I'd give anything to know."

Amazingly, Kelmer's address is the same as that of her great-great-great-grandmother, although their four-room house was razed in 1922 to make way for the nine-room frame home she still lives in today.

She even has an old photo of her ancestors that she keeps on the mantle in her living room.

"I always thought they looked very much in love, and this letter proves it," she says. "A lot of what's in there is intensely personal and private, but I can tell you that my great-great-great-grandfather starts it off, 'My Dearest, Sweetest Abigail,' and he ends it with, 'Yours in love until the stars drop from the sky.'

"It's lovely, isn't it? People just don't write love letters like that anymore."

Kelmer has agreed to let historian Markins and other experts study the letter in the hope that they can find a clue to its whereabouts for all the years it was missing.

"And then I'm going to have it professionally mounted in a special archival frame so that it won't deteriorate," she says. "I might even donate it to the Pony Express Museum here in St. Joseph, because if it weren't for the Pony Express, I never would have seen it.

PONY EXPRESS-IONS

- The Pony Express lasted only about 18½ months in the United States, during the years 1860 and 1861.
- 183 men are known to have ridden for the Pony Express during its operation. They made about $100 per month.
- Ad in California newspaper read: "Wanted. Young, skinny, wiry fellows. Not over 18. Must be expert riders. Willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred." Most riders actually were around 20. The youngest was 11.

NEWS 'TOONS

"They cancelled the rain dance. We need to work the tables at the casino today."

"This was an early girlfriend of Daddy's before he was smart."

"Too much violence!"

TOURIST CROWS

By MIKE FOSTER/Correspondent

FOR HARD-LUCK Aaron Breckley, life is really for the birds. The Australian poultry farmer began growing feathers after contracting Asian bird flu during a recent visit to Thailand!

"My life has become a nightmare," says the 28-year-old father of three. "People look at me as if I'm some sort of freak of monster.

"Strangers come up to me and ask all sorts of stupid questions, like 'Do you lay eggs?' Even a fool should know that roosters don't lay eggs."

The 161 white feathers, which cover Breckley's face, chest, back, arms and legs, strikingly resemble those of a chicken — the bird from which it's believed he picked up the disease.

Baffled doctors call the case both unique and disturbing.

"We've known for some time that H591, the strain of avian influenza virus that causes the disease in chickens, can jump the species barrier and infect humans," says Dr. Rainubben Wongsawan, an expert with the World Health Organization.

"But the news that this microorganism can apparently pass along traits from a previous host is earth-shaking. Mr. Breckley's DNA has been altered — and we don't know if the change is complete.

"The patient's toes show signs of beginning to take on the characteristic claw-like appearance of a bird."

The case may help to confirm a controversial new theory about human evolution.

"One of the most puzzling findings to come out of the human genome project was that out of our thousands of genes, about 200 are identical to those of chickens," Dr. Wongsawan says.

"A theory that has surfaced to explain this odd fact is that in the

CHICKEN MAN? Aaron Breckley broke out in

Over 80 million chickens destroyed as H591 strain of avian influenza

FEATHERS AFTER CONTRACTING BIRD FLU!

remote past, microbes transferred some of their genetic material into human cells.

"Mr. Brockley's case not only supports this idea, it suggests that it's possible for microbes to pick up pieces of DNA from one host and pass them along to the next, like bees pollinating flowers."

The latest outbreak of bird flu has had a devastating effect over the past year. At least 80 million chickens have been destroyed after being found with the disease, various strains of which have struck 10 Asian nations and the United States. Hundreds of people worldwide have become sick and scores have died.

Brockley was visiting chicken farms in northeastern Chaiyaphum province in search of better egg-laying hens to add to his stock at home. It is believed he contracted the disease while handling birds he was considering buying.

"After returning to Australia, I was sick for a week in December and had a terrible fever, but then I felt better and I thought the whole thing was over," he recalls.

"Then one morning my wife told me in a disgusted voice that I needed to take a bath because I had a feather stuck to my back. I tried to pull it off and I realized it was growing out of my flesh.

"I plucked it out. But by the next day, there were a half-dozen more feathers on my back and some on my forearms too."

At first, Brockley tried to ignore the transformation, plucking the feathers as they appeared. But friends and acquaintances began to notice feathers he'd missed.

"I quickly became the butt of jokes," he says. "One guy told me he had a nice chick he wanted to introduce me to — then he brought a hen out from behind his back."

As Brockley took on an increasingly fowl-like appearance, his neighbors began to shun him.

When health workers tried to explain to locals that Brockley's condition resulted from a disease, that did little to dispel fears. Many neighbors now worry that he'll spread the contagion and "turn us all into chickens too."

One 43-year-old neighbor makes no bones about the fact that Brockley is no longer welcome.

"He ought to be tarred and feathered and run out of town," he says. "Actually, our work is already half

done for us. Most of the chickens around here are dead."

Researchers also say that panic-stricken folks who've stopped eating chicken to avoid "ending up like Brockley" are overreacting.

"There is no evidence that any human cases of avian influenza have been acquired by eating poultry," Dr. Wongwean says.

Doctors are searching for a cure for the bird man, but warn Brockley it may a while before he's normal again — if ever.

"There's not another case like this in medical history," notes Dr. Wongwean. "We don't really know how to begin.

so can't be passed from one human to another, according to a reassuring study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

OSAMA SNIFFS CAMEL DUNG!

CIA SLEUTHS may have sniffed out the source of crazed rants now about Osama Bin Laden's madness — he and many of his bloodthirsty buddies are addicted to sniffing camel dung!

Analysts say that when Osama was a teen in South Arabia, dung-sniffing as a cheap and easily available high was a widespread youth craze. And records show that Bin Laden, the spoiled rotten son of a mega-rich Saudi tycoon, was disciplined at this exclusive private school on more than one occasion for indulging in the revolting habit.

Most of Osama's pals outgrew the juvenile behavior, inhaling up and becoming sinal members of the business world. But weak-willed "dung head" Bin Laden was never able to get the camel-poop monkey off his back.

"Informants say that to this day, Osama can't make a move without taking a hit of camel dung fumes," says a CIA source. "He's convinced his underlings this 'opens up the doorways of perception' and he's gotten a lot of them hooked too."

Although medical experts consider short-term, moderate camel-dung sniffing to be relatively harmless, long-term use has been linked to memory loss, impulse control difficulty and increased aggression in adolescent boys, according to one South health department study.

MAN THINKS HE'S MADE OF GLASS!

A 35-YEAR-OLD bank manager suffers from one of the strangest emotional disorders known to man — he thinks he's made of glass.

"Rather than face up to his own inadequacies, the patient sees himself as being made of cheap glass and he avoids human contact that might cause him to shatter," says Dr Klaus Mosse of Salzburg, Austria.

"In fact, he is consumed with self-hatred, self-doubt and overpowering feelings of helplessness."

The psychiatrist says he'd like to help Peter Kruger, "but that's not possible because his insurance doesn't cover mental illness.

"It's like I told his wife, 'If I help

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